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THOMAS L. BLACK

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			Actual	Released	
184	7-26-50	Teletype from NK to SAC PH and Director	1	1	
185	7-19-50	Teletype from PH to SACS, B, N.Y., and Director	1	1	
186	7-19-50	Teletype from PH to Director	1	1	
187	6-30-50	Memo to G.E. Hennrich from A.S. Brent W/Encl Search Slips	1	1	
188	7-24-50	Letter from SAC PH to Director W/Encl Photographs and Negatives of BLACK	3	3	
189	7-18-50	Teletype from N.K. to SACS PH and Director	1	1	
190	7-18-50	Teletype from PH to NK & HQ	1	1	
191	7-17-50	Teletype from NK to SAC PH and Director	1	1	
192	7-14-50	Teletype from PH to SACS N.Y., NK, and Director	1	1	
193	7-7-50	Teletype from N.Y. to SACS PH, and Director	1	1	
194	7-7-50	Teletype from PH to SACS, NY, NK, and Director	2	2	
195	7-6-50	Teletype from PH to SACS N.Y., NK, and Director	3	3	

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196	7-5-50	Teletype from NK to SACs N.Y., PH, and Directors	1	1	
197	7-5-50	Teletype from PH to SACs NK, NY, BS, Director	1	1	
198	7-3-50	Teletype from PH to SAC, CG, and Director	1	1	
199	7-1-50	Teletype from PH to SACS NK, NY, and Director	2	2	
200	6-30-50	Teletype from NK to SACS NY, PH and Directors	1	1	
201	6-30-50	Teletype from BS to SACs NY, NK, PH, + Director	2	2	
202	6-28-50	Teletype from BA to SACs NY, PH, NK, + Director	2	2	
203	6-28-50	Teletype from PH to SACS NY, NK, and Director	4	4	
204	6-27-50	Teletype from NY to SAC PH, + Director	2	2	
205	6-22-50	Teletype from BS to SACS, N.Y., PH, NK, + Director	3	3	
206	6-21-50	Teletype from BA to SACS NK, PH, + Director	2	2	
207	6-19-50	Teletype from NK to SACS PH, AL, + Director	1	1	

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208	6-18-50	Teletype from PH to SACs N.Y., NK, and Director	3	3	
209	6-18-50	Teletype from PH to SACs WFO, N.Y. + Director	2	2	
210	6-16-50	Teletype from NK to SACs N.Y., PH, + Director	2	2	
211	6-16-50	Teletype from N.Y. to SACs PH, NK, + Director w/ Attached copy of the same	1	1	
212	6-16-50	Teletype from N.Y. to SACs WFO, N.Y., PH, AL, + Director	2	2	
213	6-14-50	Teletype from NK to SACs N.Y., PH, + Director	1	1	
214	6-22-50	Teletype from N.Y. to SACs PH, NK, + Director	1	1	
215	6-27-50	Teletype from PH to SACs N.Y., NK, Ba, + Director	8	8	
216	6-29-50	Teletype from PH to SACs NK, NY, + Director	5	5	
217	6-23-50	Teletype from NY to HQ + NK	1	1	
217	6-23-50	Teletype from NY to HQ, PH, + NK	2	2	
218	6-29-50	Teletype from PH to SACs N.Y., NK, + Director	2	2	
219	6-21-50	Teletype from NK to SACs PH, N.Y., + Director	3	3	

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2 NR	7-20-50	Letter from Director to The A G	3	3	
220	7-26-50	Letter from Director to The AAG	1	1	
NR	7-20-50	Letter from Director to The SAC PH Capt: Henry Bell	1	-	See Bufile 65-57449
221	7-26-50	Letter from Director to The AAG	1	1	
222	7-26-50	Report from MM to HQ w/Attached Serials Slip	6	6	
223	7-15-50	Teletype from PH to SACs NK and Director	2	2	
224	7-25-50	Letter from SAC Ba to Director	1	1	
225	7-25-50	Letter from Legal Attache London to the Director	1	1	
226	6-18-50	Memo from J.L. McGovern to A.H. Belmont	1	1	
227	6-19-50	Teletype from WFO to SACs PH, NY, + Director	1	1	referred to another agency
228	6-20-50	Teletype from N.Y. to SACs WFO, PH, + Director	2	2	referred to another agency
229	7-18-50	Teletype from MM to SACs PH + Director	3	3	

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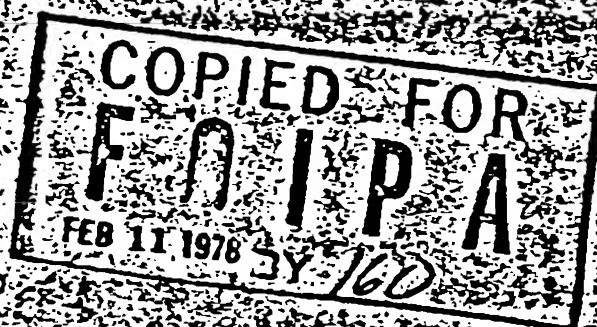
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U R G E N T

THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP-R. RE PHILA TEL JULY TWENTY FOURTH. INFO RE
 F. R. HEISEMAN SET FORTH ON PAGE THIRTY SEVEN OF NEWARK REPORT DATED
 JULY TWENTIETH LAST. MACEY L. CASNER, FORMERLY TWO SEVEN ONE GOLDSMITH
 AVENUE., NEWARK, N. J., NOW MARRIED AND RESIDES EIGHTY NINE LESLIE
 STREET, NEWARK. CASNER ABOUT THIRTY TWO YEARS OLD AND EMPLOYED DOESKIN
 PRODUCTS INC., NYC. NEWARK INDICES, CREDIT AND POLICE RECORDS NEGATIVE
 RE HEISEMAN AND CASNER.

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cc: Mr. Sampson

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WASHINGTON 2 BALT., 1 AND NY 1 FROM PHILADELPHIA 7-19-50 1005 AM
 DIRECTOR AND SACS..... U R G E N T
 THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP. R. RE NY TEL JULY THIRTEEN, AND
 BUTEL JULY EIGHTEEN, CAPTIONED "FERDINAND P. MELLER, ESP. R."
 NO PHOTO OF STAPLER AT PHILA. ORIGINAL PHOTO FROM HERCULES CO.
 PERSONNEL FILE WAS BROUGHT TO PHILA. BY BALT. RESIDENT AGENT
 AT WILMINGTON AND RETURNED AFTER DISPLAY TO BLACK. BALT. SENT TO
 BUREAU FOR PROCESSING AS SET FORTH IN BALT. LET JUNE SIXTEEN
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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP - R. REMYTELS JUNE THIRTY AND JULY
FOURTEEN LAST, REBUTEL JULY NINETEEN INSTANT. INTERVIEWS OF BLACK
COMPLETED JULY FOURTEEN. REPORT EXPECTED TO REACH BUREAU JULY TWENTY
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cc: Mr. Lampshire

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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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TO : MR. C. E. HENNRICH

DATE: June 30, 1950

FROM : MR. A. S. BRENT

ASB

SUBJECT: THOMAS LESSING BLACK, was.
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 "Doc," George Williams, Tom Jones
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PURPOSE:

To advise that the references appearing on the attached slips were checked and it was determined that they contained no information which was identifiable with BLACK.

BACKGROUND:

You will recall that Harry Gold has implicated BLACK in Soviet espionage in the United States. In view of this, the references on the attached search slips were checked. It was determined that these references contained no information which could be identified with BLACK.

ACTION:

None, for your information.

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Attachment

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA
SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was;
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(Bufile 65-59181)

DATE: 7/24/50

Enclosed herewith are four photographs of Subject THOMAS L. BLACK which were taken at the Philadelphia Office on 7/14/50. These are being forwarded to the Bureau for the completion of its files.

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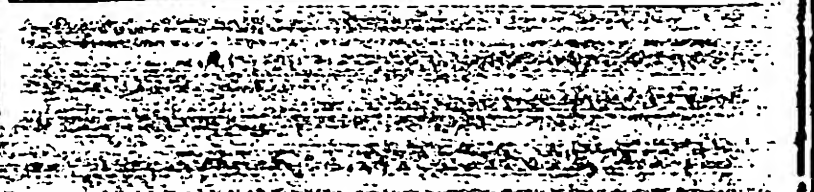
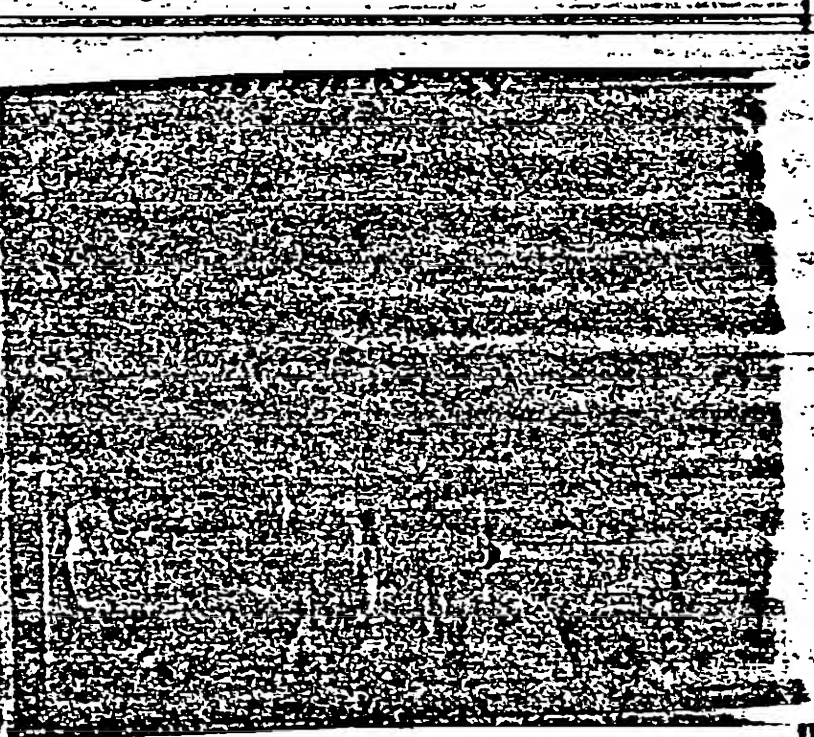
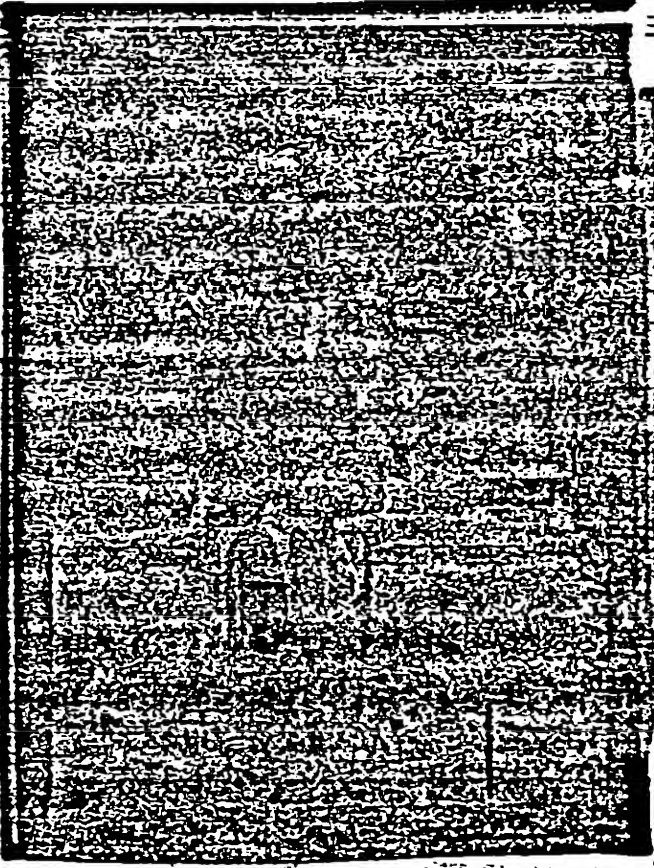
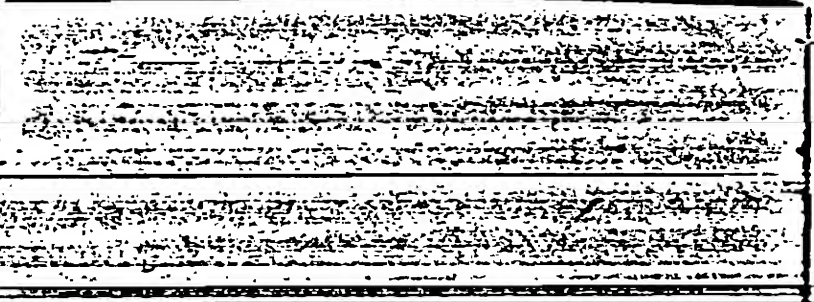
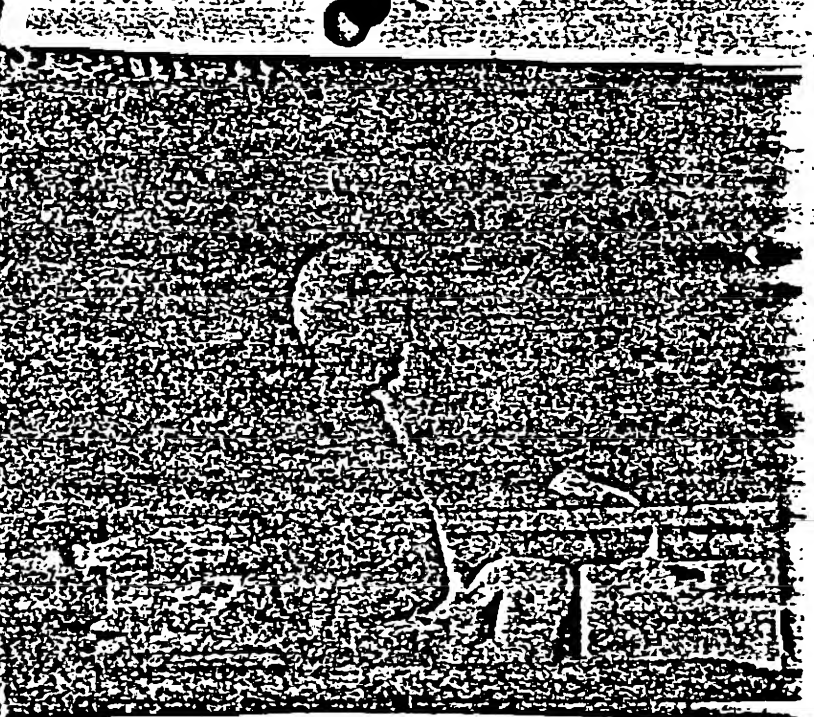
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WASH 5 AND PHILA 3 FROM NEWARK 18

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U R G E N T

THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS ESP-R. RE PHILA TEL JULY EIGHTEENTH. DURING INTERVIEW JULY SEVENTEENTH JACOB FASS REPEATEDLY STATED THAT HE IS UNWARE OF BLACK-S DEALINGS WITH SOVIETS SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE. HE STATED THAT BLACK LEFT CP IN THIRTY THREE TO BECOME A TROTSKYITE AT WHICH TIME HE CEASED CP OR SOVIET ACTIVITY. SIGNED STATEMENT OF FASS GIVING DETAILED EXPLANATION WAS FORWARDED THIS DATE.

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cc: Mr. *Josephine*

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP. R. RE NK TEL JULY SEVENTEEN

LINE FIVE OF RETEL INDICATES FASS NOT AWARE OF BLACK-S ACTIVITIES,
SINCE THIRTYTHREE. INFO FROM BLACK WOULD INDICATE THAT IT
SHOULD PROBABLY BE FORTYTHREE. SUTEL CORRECT DATE.

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WASH 12 AND PHILA 3 FROM NEWARK

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DIRECTOR AND SAC

URGENT

THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP-R. RE PHILA TEL JULY FIFTEENTH. JACOB FASS
INTERVIEWED TODAY AT SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY. FIVE-PAGE SIGNED STATEMENT
OBTAINED FROM FASS IN WHICH HE VERIFIES BLACK-S STATEMENTS AS SET FORTH
IN RETEL. FASS NOT AWARE OF ANY ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY ON PART OF BLACK
SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE. FASS STATES BLACK WENT TO MEXICO AND VISIT
ED TROTSKY. BLACK SHOWED FASS PHOTOS HE TOOK OF TROTSKY WHILE IN MEXICO
COPY OF SIGNED STATEMENT WILL BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU AND PHILA ON
JULY EIGHTEEN.

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WASHINGTON 20, NEW YORK 10 AND NEWARK 4 FROM PHILA 7-14-50 11-35

DIRECTOR AND SAC-S URGENT

THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS, ESPIONAGE-R.

BLACK INTERVIEWED AT PHILADELPHIA OFFICE TODAY SIX FIVE PM TO TEN
THREE PM. INTERVIEW CONSISTED OF QUESTIONING ON MISCELLANEOUS
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS AND EXAMINATIONS OF REMAIND-
ER OF PHOTOGRAPHS. BLACK SAYS WILLIAM GREINKE IS POSITIVELY NOT
PAUL PETERSEN. GREINKE IS TOO YOUNG. FACE NOT SHAPED LIKE PETER-
SON-S. GREINKE-S DESCRIPTION DOES NOT AGREE WITH PETERSEN-S. PAVEL
ANDREEVICH FISUNOV PARENTHESIS NEW YORK FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH SIX
ZERO SEVEN ONE THREE PARENTHESIS LOOKS LIKE PETERSON. FINGERPRINTS
AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF BLACK SECURED. BLACK WILL ATTEMPT AGAIN TO SEE FRED
HELLER ON ON SATURDAY, JULY FIFTEEN. WILL GO TO PATERSON JULY
FIFTEEN AND RETURN PHILADELPHIA SUNDAY, JULY SIXTEEN. DAILY INTERVIEWS
ENDED AND REPORT BEING PREPARED. NEW YORK WILL ADVISE WHETHER FISUNOV
MENTIONED ABOVE ANSWERS TO SAME DESCRIPTION AS PETERSEN AND WAS IN
UNITED STATES FROM NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR TO NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS. ESP - R. REPHILATEL JULY SIX LAST. RUSSIAN NATIONALS ON ENTERING US DO NOT ALWAYS GIVE DATES OF PREVIOUS ENTRY INTO US SO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING COULD HAVE BEEN IN US AT OTHER TIMES THAN THOSE SET OUT. INFO OBTAINED FROM NY FILES INDICATES ILIA AGAPOV ARRIVED US NOV. SEVENTEEN, THIRTY NINE AS TEMPORARY VISITOR, BUT HIS NAME WAS LISTED AMONG THOSE RECEIVING COMPENSATION IN NY STATE FOR AMTORG IN NINETEEN THIRTY SIX. AGAPOV WAS ON LEGAL STAFF AT AMTORG, DEPARTED US JULY TWENTY, FORTY SIX ADDRESS 33 PRIMA. PAUL ALEXANDROVICH ALEXANDROV ARRIVED US OCT. TWENTY ONE, FORTY SIX DESTINED FOR UN, BELIEVED DEPARTED, BUT NO DATE OF DEPARTURE KNOWN. ALEXANDROV DESCRIBED AS ONLY THIRTY YEARS OF AGE IN NINETEEN FORTY SIX. NIKOLAI ERCHOV WAS REPORTEDLY AS STUDENT AT MIT IN NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT EXACT DATES UNKNOWN. ERCHOV WAS AN AMTORG EMPLOYEE AS EARLY AS NINETEEN FORTY. STEPAN FASILIEVICH SADOVSKY REPORTEDLY REENTERED US AUG. TWENTY THREE, THIRTY EIGHT AS TEMPORARY VISITOR, LENGTH OF STAY UNKNOWN. ENTRY ON RECORD FOR DEC. THIRTY, FORTY FOUR AT WHICH TIME HE STATED HE WAS FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF KHEMISKIY CHEMICAL KOMBINAT IN USSR FROM NINETEEN THIRTY NINE - FORTY FOUR. ALEXANDRE A. SCOMCOV WAS RUSSIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO FROM APRIL TWENTY SEVEN, FORTY ONE TO DEC. FIFTEEN, FORTY TWO. DATES OF STAY IN US UNKNOWN.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESPIONAGE R. BLACK WAS INTERVIEWED AT PHILA. OFFICE FROM EIGHT FIFTYFIVE AM TO TWO FIFTY PM THIS DATE. INTERVIEW WAS LARGELY CONFINED TO REVIEWING WITH BLACK MATERIAL FOUND IN SEARCH OF HIS RESIDENCE AT PHILA. ONLY SIGNIFICANT ITEM FOUND THEREIN WAS A COPY OF U S PATENT NUMBER TWO NAUGHT TWO EIGHT NAUGHT NINE ONE, ENTITLED ESTERS OF SULPHODICARBOXYLIC ACIDS DATED JAN. FOURTEEN, THIEYSIX. BLACK STATED THIS PATENT WAS USED BY HIM AS BASIS FOR PREPARING HIS REPORT ON DECERESOL WHICH HE TURNED OVER TO SOVIET CONTACT, PETERSEN, SOMETIME AFTER THE DATE OF THIS PATENT. BLACK STATED THIS EXACT COPY NOW IN HIS POSSESSION WAS NOT COPY USED BY HIM AS HE SECURED HIS INFO AT THAT TIME IN A LIBRARY AND DID NOT SECURE A PATENT. AT PRESENT TIME BLACK IS DOING WORK IN THIS FIELD FOR HIS EMPLOYER, C. W. BERG, AND HAS A COPY OF THE PATENT FOR THAT PURPOSE. NO OTHER MATERIAL PERTINENT TO BLACK-S ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY WAS

LOCATED TODAY IN REVIEW OF THE SEARCH MATERIAL. BLACK CONTINUED TO EXAMINE PHOTOGRAPHS OF RUSSIAN NATIONALS AND TODAY STATED THAT ALEXANDER IVANOV, NEW YORK FILE SIX FIVE DASH SEVEN FOUR SEVEN ONE DASH ONE A-NINE NINE, BORE A CLOSE LIKENESS TO PAUL PETERSEN, HIS CONTACT FROM NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR TO NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT. NYO IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF ITS FILES SHOW THE EXACT DATES OF IVANOV-S

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PRESENCE IN THE U.S. SURVEILLANCE OF BLACK IS CONTINUING AND TODAY IT WAS ROUTINE DUE TO HIS BEING INTERVIEWED. BLACK INTENDS TO PROCEED TO PATERSON, NJ, SATURDAY, JUNE EIGHT, LEAVING PHILA ON ELEVEN AM NEW YORK TRAIN. BLACK WILL BE CARRYING TWO HEAVY METAL TOOL CASES LOCATED BY NEWARK ON THE SEARCH OF BLACK-S POSSESSIONS AT THE VON POZNAK STORAGE WAREHOUSE. NEWARK WILL BE ADVISED WHEN SUBJECT LEAVES PHILA.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, ESPIONAGE R. BLACK INTERVIEWED IN PHILA OFFICE
THIS DATE FROM NINE FIFTYSEVEN AM TO FOUR SEVEN PM. THE INTERVIEW
CONSISTED MAINLY OF REVIEWING WITH BLACK MATERIAL FOUND IN SEARCH
OF HIS GOODS AT THE VON POZNAK WAREHOUSE, NEWARK, NJ. BLACK IDENTIFIED
THE FOUR VOLUMES OF QUOTE CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY AND ANALYSIS OF OILS,
FATS, AND WAXES UNQUOTE BY LEUKOWITSCH, WHICH HE RECEIVED AS A GIFT
AROUND NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE FROM PAUL PETERSEN, HIS SOVIET CONTACT.
HE STATED THAT THESE BOOKS WERE WORTH APPROXIMATELY FORTY DOLLARS.
AMONG BLACK-S EFFECTS WAS FOUND A NOTATION OF A SWP PLENUM CONFERENCE
IN CHICAGO, ILL., DATED SEPT. TWENTYSEVEN, TWENTYEIGHT AND TWENTY-
NINE, FORTY, WHICH BLACK STATES IS TIME THAT HE TOOK TRIP TO CHICAGO.
IN MY TEL OF JULY FIVE, MENTION WAS MADE OF BLACK-S REPORT ON
SORBOSE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED TO HIS SOVIET SUPERIOR, JACK. BLACK
RECALLS THAT HE NOW GAVE THE NAME OF DOCTOR POPENKIN OF THE
LARGO LABORATORIES OF HUTLEY, NJ, AS BEING THE ALLEGED
INDIVIDUAL WHO FURNISHED HIM INFO ON SORBOSE. BLACK NEVER MET DOCTOR
POPENKIN AND STATED THAT POPENKIN NEVER FURNISHED HIM ANY INFO. BLACK
ADVISED THAT POPENKIN IS AN AUTHORITY ON EXTRACTION OF SORBOSE
FROM SORBITOL AND IF REPORT WERE SHOWN TO HIM, HE COULD READILY ADVISE.

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OF THE INCORRECTNESS OF REPORT. AMONG BLACK-S EFFECTS WERE TWO RUTHERFORD, NJ, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, THE SUBSCRIBERS OF WHICH HE CANNOT RECALL. THESE NUMBERS ARE RU TWO DASH SIX NINE SEVEN NAUGHT AND RU TWO DASH TWO NAUGHT SIX FIVE N. BLACK STATES THAT THESE ARE NOT THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF NICHOLS MENTIONED IN MY PREVIOUS TELETYPES. NEWARK OFFICE SHOULD ASCERTAIN THE SUBSCRIBERS TO THESE NUMBERS. SHOULD ALSO ENDEAVOR TO CHECK THE SUBSCRIBERS TO THESE NUMBERS DURING THE NINETEEN THIRTIES, AT WHICH TIME BLACK WAS TO CONTACT NICHOLS. SURVEILLANCE OF BLACK IS BEING MAINTAINED AND HIS ACTIVITIES ARE ROUTINE. BLACK IS BEING SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS SUPPLIED TO THIS OFFICE BY MY OFFICE AND TO DATE HAS STATED THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS BEAR A LIKENESS TO PAUL PETERSEN. THESE INDIVIDUALS HE DOES NOT FEEL ARE PETERSEN, BUT STATED THAT THEY BEAR A LIKENESS. PAVEL NIKOLAEVICH ALEXANDROV, STEPAN VASILIEVICH SADOVSKIY, ALEXANDRE ALEXANDROVICH SCORUCOV. BLACK IDENTIFIED THE PICTURE OF SEMEN SEMENOV AS POSSIBLY BEING AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED GEORGE WHOM HE SAW ONE OR TWO TIMES IN NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT. BLACK STATED THAT THE PHOTO OF ILIA AGAPOV BEARS A FAINT RESEMBLANCE TO AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO HIM ONLY AS CARL, WHO WAS ONE OF PETERSEN-S SUBSTITUTES BETWEEN NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE AND NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT.

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THREE

BLACK STATED THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF NIKOLAI NIKOLAEVICH ~~ERCHOV~~
AND NICHOLAS ~~ERSHOV~~ BEAR A RESEMBLANCE TO ~~JOHN~~, ANOTHER SUBSTITUTE
FOR PAUL PETERSEN. HIS ONLY COMMENT WAS THAT JOHN APPEARED TO BE
OLDER AND A HARDER, GANGSTER-LIKE CHARACTER. BLACK HAS PREVIOUSLY
IDENTIFIED ~~JACK~~ AS BEING JOSEPH ~~KATZ~~, WHO WAS KNOWN TO BE A SUPERIOR
OF ELIZABETH BENTLEY. MY OFFICE IS REQUESTED TO CHECK ITS FILES
AND ASCERTAIN IF INFO IS AVAILABLE THEREIN TO SHOW THE PERIODS
DURING WHICH THE AFOREMENTIONED RUSSIAN NATIONALS WERE PRESENT IN
THIS COUNTRY TO DETERMINE IF THEY MAY POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN BLACK-S
SOVIET SUPERIORS. FOR INFO OF NEWARK OFFICE, BLACK INDICATED THAT
HE WILL SPEND THE WEEKEND AT SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO. IN PATERSON, NJ.
HE DESIRES TO TAKE UP TWO TOOL CHESTS WHICH WERE FOUND IN A SEARCH
OF HIS POSSESSIONS AT THE VON POZNAN WAREHOUSE IN NEWARK, NJ. NEWARK
WILL BE ADVISED OF FURTHER DETAILS.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP-R. RE PHILA TEL JULY FIRST. RECORDS OF ESSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL, TWO SEVEN FIVE SUSSEX AVENUE, NEWARK, NJ, PERFECT ATTENDANCE OF BLACK FROM OCTOBER THIRTY NINE TO MARCH FORTY AND FROM OCTOBER FORTY TO MARCH FORTY ONE, PROBABLY IN NIGHT SCHOOL. TOOK COURSES IN: RUDIMENTS OF MACHINE OPERATION AND IN ELEMENTARY LATHE WORK. RECEIVED B RATING IN EACH COURSE.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP - R. INTERVIEWED FROM NINE FIFTY AM TO FOUR FORTYFIVE PM THIS DATE. UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL INFO RE NICHOLS OF E. RUTHERFORD. STATED NAME WAS PHONETIC SINCE PETERSEN DID NOT SPELL NAME FOR HIM AND BELIEVED TO WORK WITHIN COMMUTING DISTANCE OF RUTHERFORD, N. J. AMONG BLACK-S EFFECTS IN STORAGE IN NEWARK WAS HIS DRAFT OF THE REPORT PREPARED BY HIM ON SORBOSE FOR HIS SOVIET SUPERIOR JACK. BLACK CLAIMS REPORT PREPARED BY HIM AND DOES NOT CONTAIN ALL TRUE INFO. HE STATES IN REPORT THAT SORBOSE IS PREPARED COMERCIALY BY FRING-S GENERATOR WHEREAS NO SORBOSE IS PREPARED IN THAT FASHION. HE BELIEVES THAT SUCH PROCESS WOULD WORK BUT WOULD NOT BE PRACTICAL. OTHER MATERIAL RESULTING FROM SEARCH OF BLACK-S EFFECTS IN STORAGE REVIEWED WITH HIM. BLACK ALSO EXAMINING PHOTOGRAPHS OF RUSSIAN NATIONALS WITH NO NEW IDENTIFICATIONS TO DATE. NEWARK AND BOSTON SHOULD NOT CONFINE THEIR INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE NICHOLS TO THAT SPELLING SINCE IT WAS PHONETIC, BUT SHOULD USE A BROAD SPELLING. REPORT ON SORBOSE BEING FORWARDED TO FBI LAB FOR ANALYSIS AND REVIEW. BLACK ARRIVED BACK IN PHILA LATE HONDAY NIGHT. SURVEILLANCE CONTINUING AND WAS NOT PRODUCTIVE TODAY DUE TO HIS INTERVIEW IN PHILA OFFICE.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP. R. SUBJECT MAINTAINS HE ATTENDED CONVENTION IN CHICAGO IN THIRTYNINE. INFO AVAILABLE AT PHILA OFFICE INDICATES THAT THE FOUNDING SWP CONVENTION WAS HELD IN CHICAGO DEC. THIRTYONE, THIRTYSEVEN TO JAN. THREE, THIRTYEIGHT, AND THAT DURING THIRTYNINE AND FORTY, CONVENTIONS OF SWP WERE HELD IN NYC. SUBJECT MAINTAINS THAT THE CONVENTION HE ATTENDED IN CHICAGO WAS DEFINITELY NOT THE FOUNDING CONVENTION. HE HAS NOW ADMITTED THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN A SPECIAL PLENUM AND NOT A CONVENTION OF SWP THAT HE ATTENDED IN THIRTYNINE. IT WAS ON THIS TRIP THAT SUBJECT WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE STAYED AT MARK TWAIN HOTEL. HE DOES NOT RECALL THE PLACE WHERE THE SWP MEETINGS WERE HELD. CHICAGO OFFICE SHOULD CHECK ITS FILES AND INFORMANTS TO DETERMINE NATURE OF SWP MEETING HELD IN THIRTYNINE WHICH BLACK MAY HAVE ATTENDED AS A VISITOR. SUTEL AS INTERVIEWS CONTINUING.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP- R.

BLACK INTERVIEWED AT PHILADELPHIA OFFICE TODAY FROM SIX THIRTYTWO PM TO TEN TEN PM. INTERVIEW CONSISTED ENTIRELY OF REVIEWING MATERIAL TAKEN FROM AMONG BLACK- S EFFECTS IN VAN PCZNACK STORAGE WAREHOUSE, NEWARK, N. J. FOLLOWING MATERIAL IDENTIFIED BY BLACK AS PERTINENT TO PRESENT INVESTIGATION. A QUANTITY OF CP PAMPHLETS AND TROTSKYITE PAMPHLETS PUBLISHED DURING NINETEEN THIRTIES. BLACK ADMITTED OWNERSHIP OF MOST OF THESE. SOME BORE NAME A JONEL WHICH BLACK SAID WAS SWP NAME OF HIS FORMER ROOMMATE CHARLES FRIEFIELD. AN ADVERTISING FOLDER FROM MINOX CAMERAS BEARING THE STAMP OF THE FOTOSHOP, INCORPORATED, WAS GIVEN BLACK BY SOVIET SUPERIOR JACK WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO PURCHASE ONE FOR HIM

AS HE DID NOT WISH TO BE PURCHASER. BLACK UNABLE TO GET ONE BECAUSE WAR HAD STARTED SHORTLY BEFORE AND MINOX NOT AVAILABLE. TWO CLIPPINGS FROM TRADE MAGAZINES ON SHAVING SOAP AND FORMULAE FOR LATHERIZER SHAVING SOAP IDENTIFIED AS MATERIAL USED TO WRITE FAKE REPORT FOR PETERSON

ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR OR THIRTYFIVE. REPORT CONSISTED OF ABOUT TWO HANDWRITTEN PAGES AND WAS NOT CONSIDERED BY PETERSEN TO BE OF ANY VALUE. COPIES DESTROYED 1965. R47 VALUE 1965. SPOOL CONTAINING THIRTYFIVE MILLIMETER FILM WITH PICTURES OF

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PUBLICATION" ON PENICILLIN PUT OUT BY WINTHROP CHEMICAL CO. IDENTIFIED AS COPY OF FILM TURNED OVER TO JACK WITH REPORT ON PENICILLIN. A MEMBERSHIP CARD IN THE SOCIALIST PARTY MADE OUT TO THOMAS L. BLACK, SEVENTEEN OXFORD STREET, NEWARK, INDICATED ADMISSION TO CENTRAL BRANCH, ESSEX COUNTY, JANUARY TWENTYSEVEN, NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. WITY DUES STAMPS FEBRUARY THROUGH MAY. BLACK IDENTIFIED THIS AS HIS. TWO LARGE REELS OF THIRTYFIVE MILLIMETER FILM, ONE OF GERMAN MAKE, IDENTIFIED BY BLACK AS FILMS SECURED BY HIM FROM JOSEPH Vanzler OF SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY. BOTH FILMS ARE OF LEON TROTSKY AND WERE GIVEN BLACK BY Vanzler FOR SAFEKEEPING. BLACK WAS ONE OF GROUP IN SUP WHO TOOK OVER DUTY OF PRESERVING PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDS OF TROTSKY'S LIFE. BLACK SAID THAT IN THE LATE THIRTIES HE TOOK A COURSE IN MACHINE SHOP PRACTICE AT ESSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL. THIS WAS THREE YEAR COURSE AND BLACK DROPPED OUT AFTER ABOUT ONE YEAR. NEWARK WILL CHECK RECORDS ESSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR AVAILABLE RECORDS AND INFO RE BLACK. PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE TODAY REFLECTED ROUTINE ACTIVITIES. BLACK STILL PLANS LEAVE PHILADELPHIA FOR NEWARK LATE MORNING SATURDAY, JULY ONE, RETURN PHILA. EARLY EVENING TUESDAY JULY FOUR. INTERVIEW WILL BE RESUMED WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY FIVE.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP-R. RE PHILA TEL JUNE TWENTY SEVENTH AND
REBUTLE JUNE TWENTY NINTH. INVESTIGATION REFLECTS WILLIAM MEAD STAPLER,
SON OF WILLIAM STAPLER, HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY H. W. KELLOGG COMPANY,
JERSEY CITY, N. J. SINCE JULY FORTY EIGHT AS INSTRUMENTATION ENGINEER.
STAPLER SERVED IN U. S. AIR FORCE FROM FORTY TWO TO FORTY SIX AND HAS
BEEN CLEARED BY ARMY FOR WORK ON TOP SECRET CONTRACTS. STAPLER HAS
ACCESS TO ALL CONFIDENTIAL AND RESTRICTED WORK IN THE GUIDED MISSILE
FIELD. KELLOGG COMPANY ADVISES THAT HE ALSO HAS ACCESS TO RESEARCH
LIBRARY CONTAINING CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION ON GUIDED MISSILES. IN-
VESTIGATION CONTINUING RE BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES OF WILLIAM MEAD
STAPLER AND ETHEL MAE STAPLER, BOTH OF WHOM WILL BE REINTERVIEWED AT
APPROPRIATE TIME FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION RE PAST ACTIVIT-
IES. INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY NICHOLS OF EAST RUTHERFORD UNPRODUCTIVE
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THOMAS L. BLACK, W. A., ESP. R. REBUTEL TWENTYNINTH INSTANCES, MIT ALUMNI RECORDS THROUGH JUNE, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT REFLECT FOLLOWING GRADUATES IN METALLURGY, YEAR FOLLOWING NAME BEING YEAR OF GRADUATION. NOTE ALL HAVE SURNAME NICHOLS. BRUCE BENJAMIN, FORTYTHREE, NOW ENGINEERING ASSISTANT, PACIFIC T AND T COMPANY, PORTLAND, OREGON. CLARK, THIRTY FIVE, FIELD ENGINEER, LEEDS AND NORTHRUP COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA. JACKSON ROSS, FORTY, AMERICAN SMELTING AND REFINING COMPANY, ALTON, ILLINOIS. JAMES WILLIAM, FORTY SIX, CARE OF F.N. SEWARD, BEULAH, MICH. ROBERT PORTER, NAUGHT FIVE, SEARSPORT, MAINE, AND WILLIAM RAYMOND, TWENTY TWO, FOURTEEN SIXTEEN SOUTH BENITO, ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA. IN ADDITION THE FOLLOWING MIT GRADUATES RESIDE IN AREAS CLOSE TO NEW JERSEY, SAID GRADUATES HAVING LAST NAME NICHOLS. ALEXANDER GEORGE, TWENTYTWO, MECHANICAL ENGINEER, BOARD OF EDUCATION, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. GEORGE HARRIS, TWENTY THREE, MADISON, N.J. MIT GRADUATE JAMES SIVITER NICHOL RESIDES AT EIGHTY NINE LINDEN STREET, MAPLEWOOD, N.J. RECEIVED DEGREE IN METALLURGY IN FORTY THREE. NAMES NICHOLL, NICHOLS, NICKLE AND

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R 47 NOV 21 1960 NICHOL ALL CHECKED AND NO GRADUATES IN METALLURGY OR RESIDENTS OF NEW JERSEY, GREATER NEW YORK OR PHILADELPHIA AREAS LOCATED. ONLY INFO BOSTON DIVISION HAS INSTANT CASE RE ESPIONAGE SET FORTH IN REFTEL.

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 THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESPIONAGE DASH R. RE PHILA. TEL JUNE
 TWENTYSEVEN, LAST. MISS ETHEL ^VMAHN, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
 IN TECHNICAL LIBRARY, HERCULES POWDER COMPANY, WILMINGTON, DEL.,
 WHO IS IN CHARGE OF HOPEWELL REPORTS AT TECHNICAL LIBRARY,
 ADVISED THAT SHE KNEW STAPLER WHILE HE WAS ENGAGED BY HERCULES
 AT WILMINGTON. SHE STATED THAT SHE AND STAPLER HAD GONE TO
 DINNER ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, AND THAT STAPLER WOULD FREQUENTLY
 STOP AT HER HOUSE AND TALK WITH HER FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME.
 SHE CLAIMED THAT STAPLER, IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO ENTERTAIN AND
 BECOME FRIENDLY WITH HER, MADE HIMSELF OBNOXIOUS. SHE STATED
 THAT SHE RECALLS STAPLER HAD A GIRL FRIEND IN THE METHODIST
 HOSPITAL AT PHILADELPHIA, BELIEVED TO BE A NURSE, BUT DOES NOT
 KNOW HER NAME NOR ANY OTHER INFO CONCERNING HER. A CHECK OF
 ALL AVAILABLE CHARGEOUT CARDS FOR HOPEWELL REPORTS REVEAL THAT
 STAPLER CHARGED OUT HOPEWELL FILES NUMBERS FIFTYTWO AND SIXTYFIVE
 FROM AUG, NINETEEN THIRTYONE, TO SEPT FIVE, FORTYFIVE. FILE NO.
 FIFTYTWO PERTAINED TO COOKING COTTON LINTERS WITH DETERGENTS,
 AND FILE NO. SIXTYFIVE PERTAINED TO COTTON CELLULOSE PURIFICATION
 ON A SMALL SCALE. A CHECK OF ALL HOPEWELL FILES AT THE TECHNICAL
 LIBRARY DOES NOT REVEAL ANY ADDITIONAL CHARGEOUT RECORD FOR
 STAPLER. MISS MAHN CANNOT RECALL ANY UNUSUAL REQUESTS OF STAPLER
 FOR FILES, AND HE COULD HAVE CHARGED OUT FILES FOR EXTENDED PERIODS

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AS ROUTINE PROCEDURE. SHE STATES THAT NONE OF HOPEWELL REPORTS
CARRIED ANY GOVERNMENT RESTRICTED INFO. MISS LURA SHORB,
LIBRARIAN, HERCULES EXPERIMENT STATION, AND MISS NORMA DAVIS, FILE
CLERK IN CHARGE OF CHARGING OUT FILES AT EXPERIMENT STATION,
BOTH RECALL STAPLER BUT DO NOT RECALL HIS HAVING CHARGED OUT ANY
HOPEWELL REPORTS AT EXPERIMENT STATION. NO CHARGEOUTS ARE
RETAINED AT EXPERIMENT STATION LIBRARY. SHORB AND DAVIS
ADVISED EXPERIMENT STATION FILES ARE COPIES OF THOSE MAINTAINED
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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESPIONAGE - R.

BLACK INTERVIEWED TODAY AT PHILADELPHIA OFFICE FROM SIX FORTY TO NINE FORTYFIVE PM. INTERVIEW CONSISTING OF CLARIFYING POINTS PREVIOUSLY BROUGHT UP. BLACK SAYS THAT HE NEVER KNEW OR MET WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. AFTER BLACK-S RETURN FROM SWP CONVENTION IN CHICAGO, HARRY GOLD VISITED HIM AT NEWARK BELIEVED TO BE NINETEEN THIRTYNINE. BLACK FELT GOLD WAS THERE FOR SOME PURPOSE, POSSIBLY TO CHECK ON HIM FOR SOVIETS. BLACK THEREFORE TOLD GOLD STORY OF CHAMBERS AND HIS DEFECTION FROM SOVIETS WHICH HE HAD HEARD FROM FELIX MORROW AT CONVENTION. BLACK SAID HE WAS GOING INTO SECLUSION AS CHAMBERS HAD, POSSIBLY MENTIONING BALTIMORE. POINTED OUT TO GOLD CHAMBERS NAME ON LIST OF EDITORS IN TIME MAGAZINE. ONLY PURPOSE IN TELLING THIS STORY WAS TO KEEP SOVIETS FROM CONTACTING HIM AND THEY DID NOT FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. BLACK SAID HE KNEW HARRY GOLD TOOK TRIP TO VARIOUS PARTS OF COUNTRY. ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY GOLD SAID HE HAD GOTTEN KODACHROME PROCESS FROM AN EASTMAN KODAK EMPLOYEE WHO WAS AN IMPORTANT SOVIET CONTACT. GOLD ALSO CLAIMED HE GOT RAINEY-NICHOL /PHONETIC/ CATALYST FOR HYDROGENATION. SOURCE OF LATTER UNKNOWN. BLACK INSISTS GOLD CALLED HIM FOR MONEY FROM ALBUQUERQUE AFTER TEST A-BOMB EXPLODED BUT BEFORE BOMBS DROPPED ON JAPAN. DENIES PHONE CALL FROM CHICAGO. DENIES ANY OTHER PHONE CALLS FROM NEW MEXICO. CANNOT RECALL SENDING ANY MONEY TO

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GOLD AT EITHER CHICAGO OR ALBUQUERQUE. AFTER GOLD-S RETURN FROM NEW MEXICO HE TOLD BLACK HE HAD BEEN SENT THERE BY SOVIETS TO OBSERVE EFFECTS OF A-BOMB EXPLOSION AND WAS HIKING IN HILLS FIFTY MILES AWAY WHEN EXPLOSION OCCURRED. BLACK SAYS ERNEST ~~X~~ SEGESSEMANN VERY MILDLY SYMPATHETIC TO CP BUT NEVER JOINED AND WAS NEVER INVOLVED IN ESPIONAGE. SEGESSEMANN MET GOLD IN JERSEY CITY WHEN LATTER WENT TO WORK FOR HOLBROOK MANUFACTURING COMPANY. WHEN QUESTIONED REGARDING DOCTOR RABINOVICH, BLACK SAID THE NAME WAS QUOTE EXTREMELY FAMILIAR UNQUOTE. AFTER CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION IN DATES, MEETINGS AND IDENTITIES, BLACK CONCLUDED THAT DOCTOR ROBERT ~~X~~ SCHWARZ WHO VISITED HIM HOSPITAL FOLLOWING INJURY WAS IDENTICAL WITH DOCTOR ~~X~~ RABINOVICH. BLACK RETOLD STORY OF CONTACTS WITH DOCTOR SCHWARZ WITH NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES EXCEPT THE SUBSTITUTION OF NAME RABINOVICH FOR SCHWARZ. NOW BELIEVES HE WAS SENT TO CONTACT DOCTOR FLOSDORF IN PHILA. STATING HE CAME ON BEHALF OF RABINOVICH NOT SCHWARZ. ALSO BELIEVES RABINOVICH CORRECT NAME OF PERSON WHO DIRECTED HIM TO GO TO TROTSKY HOUSEHOLD. SAYS HE KNEW RABINOVICH AS DOCTOR ROBERT ~~X~~ RABINOVICH. NEVER KNEW HIM AS ROBERTS. REGARDING JOSEPH ~~X~~ BRODSKY, BLACK SAYS HARRY GOLD BROUGHT BRODSKY TO HIS NEWARK APARTMENT LATE ONE SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN NINETEEN THIRTY-FIVE AND THE TWO STAYED OVER WEEKEND. GOLD SAID BRODSKY WAS FELLOW STUDENT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AT DREXEL INSTITUTE, PHILA. AND

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MEMBER PHILA. YCL. GOLD SAID BRODSKY BORN IN U. S. BUT TAKEN TO RUSSIA BY FATHER FOLLOWING REVOLUTION. LATER RETURNED U. S. AND EDUCATED HERE. GOLD WANTED BLACK TO LOOK HIM OVER AS HE BELIEVED BRODSKY EXCELLENT MATERIAL FOR SOVIET ESPIONAGE BECAUSE OF CP SYMPATHY. BLACK SUBMITTED REPORT TO PAUL PETERSEN ADVISING AGAINST USE OF BRODSKY BECAUSE OF ACTIVITY IN CP MASS MOVEMENT. NEVER KNEW WHETHER BRODSKY BECAME SOVIET AGENT. LAST HEARD OF BRODSKY ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO WHEN GOLD SAID HE WAS IN PHILA., MARRIED AND EMPLOYED AS SALESMAN. REGARDING DOCTOR CARL P. STEIK, BLACK-S SUPERIOR AT NOPCO, BLACK SAID HE WAS ASKED BY JACK IF STEIK WOULD CONSULT WITH HIM ON SEVERAL MATTERS RELATING TO PETROLEUM PRODUCTION. ASKED BLACK TO APPROACH STEIK. BLACK CLAIMS HE NEVER DID BECAUSE OF STEIK-S KNOWN ANTI-SOVIET VIEWS. TOLD JACK STEIK UNWILLING TO DEAL WITH SOVIETS. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, NEWARK REVIEW DAILY NOTES IN BLACK-S HOSPITAL RECORD AT WEST HUDSON HOSPITAL TO SEE IF ANY MENTION THERE OF VISIT BY DOCTOR SCHWARZ OR DOCTOR RABINOVICH. FOR INFO NEW YORK, BLACK SAYS CONTAX NUMBER THREE CAMERA IS GERMAN MAKE WITH DISTANCE SCALE IN METERS AND DIN SCALE ON EXPOSURE METER. TRIPOD SOCKET OF CONTINENTAL

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SIZE. LENS NUMBER NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE. NO PHOTO MIKHAIL CHALIAPIN
AVAILABLE PHILA. BLACK SHOWN PHOTO ALEKSANDROVICH ~~CHALIAPIN~~ WHO MAY
BE IDENTICAL WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION. BLACK STATED THAT NIKOLAI
AKINFIEV WAS NOT PETERSEN.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS. ESP - R. NO RECORDS PRESENTLY EXISTING AT
PENN CAMERA EXCHANGE REGARDING TRANSACTIONS IN NINETEEN THIRTY SIX
CARL ZIESS, INC., RECORDS SEARCHED UNDER NAME THOMAS L. BLACK, AND UNA-
BLE TO LOCATE ACCOUNT UNDER THIS NAME OR ON INFO FURNISHED WITH REGARD
TO REPAIRS OF CONTEX MODEL THREE MENTIONED IN PHILADELPHIA TEL, JUNE
TWENTYSEVEN, INSTANT. EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO OBTAIN FROM BLACK THE
YELLOW COPY OF PENN CAMERA RECORD OF EXCHANGE, AND CAMERA AND LENS
NUMBER OF CONTEX THREE WHICH SHOULD BE CONTAINED THEREON. BELIEVED
CONTEX TWO MENTIONED SHOULD BE IDENTICAL WITH CAMERA NOW IN BLACK-S
POSSESSION DESCRIBED IN NEWARK TEL, JUNE TWENTYFIRST, LAST. FURTHER
DETAILS REGARDING CONTEX THREE SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM BLACK, WHETHER
DISTANCE SCALE MARKED IN FEET OR METERS, AND WHETHER EXPOSURE METER
IS IN DIN OR EUROPEAN OR AMERICAN SCHEINER RATINGS. THIS INFO WOULD
BE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE IN FURTHER EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH ORIGIN AND
MODE OF IMPORTATION OF CAMERA. WHILE AGENT MAKING THESE INQUIRIES
AT CARL ZIESS, WALTER G. KRAMER OF THAT FIRM ADVISED HE WAS PERSONALLY
ACQUAINTED WITH THOMAS L. BLACK HAVING COME IN CONTACT WITH HIM SEVERAL

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TIMES WHILE BLACK EMPLOYED AT NOPCO, ON OCCASIONS WHEN HE, KRAMER, MADE SURVEY AND SERVICED VARIOUS SCIENTIFIC OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR BLACK AT NOPCO. KRAMER DISCREETLY QUESTIONED AS TO KNOWLEDGE OF BLACK. ADVISED HE KNEW NOTHING DEROGATORY, AND IT IS APPARENT HIS ACQUAINTANCE SHIP WITH BLACK NOT EXTENSIVE. ADVISED HE HAS NO PERSONAL RECOLLECTION OF BLACK HAVING HAD CAMERA REPAIRED AT CARL ZIESS, OR THAT HE OWNED A CAMERA. ELIZABETH BENTLEY PRESENTLY OUT OF NYC. HOWEVER, SHE IS BEING CONTACTED PERIODICALLY AND WILL BE QUESTIONED REGARDING INFO SET OUT YOUR TEL, JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, INSTANT, REGARDING INCIDENT MENTIONED INVOLVING HELEN.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, ESP-R. RE PHILA TEL EIGHTEENTH INSTANT. EMORY

RICHARDS INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT GLENDALE, RHODE ISLAND BY SA RICHARD GALLAGHER AND SA EDWARD SHEILS. RICHARDS KNEW SUBJECT ONLY THROUGH PERCY HELIE. RICHARDS RECOUNTED DETAILS OF PLANS TO FORM A NEW COMPANY IN MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF TEXTILE CHEMICALS IN CONJUNCTION WITH HELIE, SUBJECT AND JACK FASS, LATTER BEING OWNER OF SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO., PATERSON, NJ. NONE OF BUSINESS DETAILS APPARENTLY CONCERNED WITH INSTANT CASE. RICHARDS RELATED THAT AT BUSINESS CONFERENCE LAST SATURDAY AT PATERSON, NJ, SUBJECT WAS EXTREMELY NERVOUS. SUBJECT STATED PER RICHARDS THAT HE HAD BEEN INTERROGATED FOR TWO DAYS BY FBI, PHILADELPHIA, CONCERNING HIS ASSOCIATIONS WITH HARRY GOLD.

RICHARDS RELATES SUBJECT ADMITTED KNOWING GOLD FOR SOME TIME AND INDEPENDENTLY COMMENTED THAT HE, SUBJECT, HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CP IN THIRTYTHREE. SUBJECT ADDED THAT MEMBERSHIP WAS A MISTAKE AND HE REGRETTED IT. RICHARDS- ONLY KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT-S BACKGROUND IS BELIEF SUBJECT ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA. PERCY HELIE

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INTERVIEWED AT WORCESTER, MASS. BY SA CLARENCE GIARD AND SA BRENTON S. GORDON AT SAME TIME RICHARDS WAS INTERVIEWED IN R. I. HELIE CORROBORATED FOREGOING STATEMENT OF RICHARDS BUT DOES NOT REMEMBER SUBJECTS DECLARATION OF PARTY MEMBERSHIP AT THAT TIME. HELIE STATES THAT ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO IN BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOTEL, PHILADELPHIA, HE AND SUBJECT WERE ALONE AND ENGAGED IN QUOTE BULL SESSION UNQUOTE. AT THAT TIME SUBJECT STATED THAT IN LATE TWENTY-S AND EARLY THIRTY-S HE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CP. HELIE ASSERTS THAT HE DECLARED HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THE CONVERSATION WITH REFERENCE TO POLITICAL MATTERS TERMINATED. HELIE DECLARED THAT HE AND SUBJECT HAD DECIDED TO FORM OWN COMPANY IN VIEW OF UNCERTAIN FUTURE STATUS OF BERG CO. HELIE WAS TO CONTROL SALES AND SUBJECT, RESEARCH AND MANUFACTURE. SUBJECT SUGGESTED AT FIRST THE ADDITION OF ONE FNU^VPETO, PHONETIC, PAINT MANUFACTURER IN BROOKLYN, NY. HELIE VETOED PETO BECAUSE OF RACE, AND SUBJECT SECURED JACK FASS, ABOVE, TO SUPERVISE AND PARTICIPATE IN PLANT CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION. HELIE SECURED RICHARDS, ABOVE, AND ONE HARRY^X LODGE, THE FIRST TO HANDLE COTTON AND THE SECOND TO HANDLE WOOLEN ASPECTS OF THE BUSINESS. HELIE NOTED THAT SUBJECT CONSUME CONSIDERABLE BROMO AND ASPIRIN LAST WEEKEND AND THAT SUBJECT IS OBVIOUSLY UPSET ABOUT INTERVIEW. HELIE STATES THAT SUBJECT ADMITTED CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATION WITH GOLD FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS, BUT DID NOT ELABORATE UPON ASSOCIATION. HELIE STATES SUBJECT IS SINCERE, CON-

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CIENTIOUS PERSON AND, IF A COMMUNIST IN THIRTYTHREE, WOULD HAVE
DONE ANYTHING NECESSARY TO HELP PARTY. HELIE ALSO BELIEVES THAT
SUBJECT IS AS SINCERELY ANTI-COMMUNIST AT THIS TIME. FOREGOING FOR
INFORMATIVE PURPOSES. WILL SUREP.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS, ESPIONAGE DASH R. RE PHILA TELS JUNE SEVENTEEN AND NINETEEN AND MY TEL JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST. INVESTIGATION AT HERCULES POWDER CO., WILMINGTON, DEL. REVEALS STAPLER-S WORK PERTAINED TO TEXTILES, PARTICULARLY TO THE USE OF PINE OIL AND PINE OIL PRODUCTS IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY. NAVAL STORES DEPARTMENT OF HERCULES COMPANY IN WHICH STAPLER WAS ENGAGED DEALT WITH PINE OIL, RESIN, AND TURPENTINE. STAPLER HAD ACCESS TO INFORMATION CONCERNING NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT HERCULES COMPANY BUT NO KNOWN ACCESS TO ANY INFORMATION CARRYING GOVERNMENT CLASSIFICATION. STAPLER AS TECHNICAL SERVICEMAN TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY, PRINCIPALLY IN EASTERN U.S. AND VISITED MANY TEXTILE PLANTS AND HAD QUITE COMPLETE INFORMATION REGARDING TEXTILE INDUSTRY. MR. A. STANLEY AYRES ADVISED THAT HIS WIFE, MARJORIE STAPLER AYRES, WHO IS SISTER OF WILLIAM STAPLER, IS AT PRESENT RECOVERING FROM BREAKDOWN AND RECENT ILLNESS AND IS NOT

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ADVISEABLE TO INTERVIEW HER AT PRESENT TIME. MR. AYRES EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH BUREAU WHERE POSSIBLE. AYRES STATES STAPLER NEVER RESIDED WITH THEM IN WILMINGTON BUT WITH ANOTHER SISTER, EDITH, NOW IS NURSING HOME IN PENNSYLVANIA.

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AYRES STATES AT TO THE BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION THEY HAVE NONE
OF STAPLER-S EFFECTS. AYRES ADVISED THAT TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE
STAPLER WORKED PRINCIPALLY WITH PINE OIL AND TEXTILES WHILE AT HERCULES.
DURING FIRST WORLD WAR, STAPLER ENGAGED BY DUPONT COMPANY AS CHEMIST.
RECORDS AT DUPONT CO REFLECT STAPLER EMPLOYED AUGUST, NINETEEN FIFTEEN
TO NOVEMBER, NINETEEN TWENTY, AS CHEMIST. FOLLOWING EMPLOYMENT WITH
DUPONT CO., AYRES STATES STAPLER WORKED WITH INDEPENDENT CHEMIST, NAME
UNKNOWN, FOR A SHORT TIME UNTIL THE CHEMIST RAN OUT OF MONEY. AYRES
STATES STAPLER-S SON, WILLIAM HEADE ~~X~~ STAPLER AT PRESENT RESIDING
IN RIVERDALE, NEW JERSEY, AND IS OR WAS ENGAGED IN SOME CONFIDENTIAL WORK
WHICH HE THINKS PERTAINS TO JET PROPULSION FUEL. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT
NOT KNOWN. DUPONT COMPANY RECORDS DO NOT REFLECT ANY RECORD OF
APPLICATION OR EMPLOYMENT FOR THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS. ACCORDING
TO P.J. HESSION, SERVICE DEPARTMENT, DUPONT COMPANY APPLICATIONS FILED
PRIOR TO JANUARY, FORTYSEVEN, BY PERSONS NOT SUBSEQUENTLY EMPLOYED HAVE
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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS ESPIONAGE - R. RE NEWARK TELS JUNE SIXTEEN LAST. INTERVIEW WITH ERNEST SEGESSEMAN LONG TIME ACQUAINTANCE OF SUBJECT REFLECTS HE FIRST MET BLACK THROUGH CLIFFORD HEVENOR A SCHOOLMATE WITH BLACK AT PENN STATE UNIV. AND EMPLOYED WITH SEGESSMANN AT NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS CO. NEWARK, NJ, AT TIME OF INTRODUCTION. BLACK AT THAT TIME WAS EMPLOYED HOLBROOK MANUFACTURING CO. NEWARK. BLACK CHANGED EMPLOYMENT TO NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS IN THIRTYTHREE AFTER ARRANGING FOR HARRY GOLD TO TAKE OVER HIS JOB AT HOLBROOK. BLACK, SEGESSEMAN, AND HEVENOR ROOMED TOGETHER ON SIP ST., JERSEY CITY, NJ, FOR PERIOD ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS AROUND THIRTY. HEVENOR LEFT NOPCO ABOUT THIRTYSIX GOING TO ATLAS REFINERY, NEWARK. SEGESSEMAN DESCRIBED HEVENOR AS QUOTE

^{b7c} [REDACTED] TYPE UNQUOTE. SEGESSEMAN BELIEVES HEVENOR COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO BLACKS COMMUNIST LEANINGS AND EXPRESSIONS. INVESTIGATION ATLAS REFINERY REFLECTS HEVENOR NOW EMPLOYED ENDICOTT JOHNSON, ENDICOTT, NY. ALBANY INTERVIEW HEVENOR RE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF BLACK AND BLACKS ACTIVITIES.

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THOMAS L BLACK, WAS, ESPIONAGE R. THE SEARCH OF BLACK-S RESIDENCE
REFLECTS NUMEROUS NOTATIONS OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES. BLACK WAS INTER-
VIEWED ON JUNE SIXTEEN LAST AND HIS COMMENTS RE SOME OF THESE IN-
DIVIDUALS ARE SET FORTH PERTAINING TO EACH. AS ASSISTANCE IN INTER-
VIEW OF BLACK, NEW YORK WILL SEARCH INDICES ON ALL NAMES, UNLESS RE-
QUESTED OTHERWISE. WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION BELIEVED ADVISABLE. ANITA
BACON, EIGHT SIX EIGHT EIGHT BAY SIXTEENTH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY, PHONE
NO. BEACHVIEW TWO DASH OUGHT SEVEN ONE FOUR, SAID BY BLACK TO BE AN
ASSISTANT AT NOPCO, WHO WAS AND PROBABLY STILL IS A COMMUNIST. EMORY
I KARMAN, SIXTYFOUR WALL STREET, NYC, WHOM BLACK STATES WAS AN ACCOUNT-
ANT FOR FINE ORGANICS AND PREPARED INCOME TAX REPORTS. WAGNER ROBINSON
ONE ONE OUGHT EAST FORTYSECOND STREET, NYC, WITH PHONE NO MU. HILL
THREE DASH ONE ONE EIGHT FOUR, WHOM BLACK STATES IS A MANUFACTURER OF
LANOLIN. MORRIS HELPRIN, THREE THREE THREE CENTRAL PARK, WEST, NEW
YORK TWENTY FIVE, NY. NEW YORK WILL ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
SEYMOUR FASS, BROTHER OF JACOB FASS, RE KNOWLEDGE OF BLACK-S ACTIVITIES.
RENYTEL OF SIX SEVENTEEN LAST. NY WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW EDNA
SINGER, FORMER BOOKKEEPER OF FINE ORGANICS. J. BYRON MC KINNEY,
SEAHAM OR LONGSHOREMAN, WHO REPORTEDLY INTRODUCED BLACK TO FERDINAND
P. HELLER, AKA FRED OR FERN. WILL VERIFY RESIDENCE OF BLACK AT
THE SHELLMAN SQUARE HOTEL IN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT, AND INTERVIEW MARVIN
HENSCHEL AND WIFE. HENSCHEL, A BUYER AT SAK-S FIFTH AVENUE, RESIDED IN
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BLACK-S APARTMENT IN NEWARK IN FORTYEIGHT. DETERMINE IF HENSCHEL AWARE OF INDIVIDUALS ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT BLACK. INTERVIEW BERNIE ~~PIBTO~~, SEVENTYTHREE TROY AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY, REPORTED FRIEND OF BLACK AND HARRY ~~GOLD~~. NEWARK WILL SEARCH ITS INDICES OF FOLLOWING NAMES AND CONDUCT INVESTIGATION BELIEVED NECESSARY, UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED HEREIN. SEYMOUR ~~SOROKA~~, WHOSE ADDRESS IS INDICATED BY BLACK AS QUOTE USWD, CIVILIAN, QUARTERMASTER BRANCH, THREE FOUR NINE, APO FIVE A, CARE OF POSTMASTER, NYC. BLACK STATES SOROKA ONCE WAS IN SWP IN NEWARK, NJ. FRANK ~~DZIEDZIC~~, ONE SEVEN SIX HIGH STREET, NUTLEY TEN, NJ WHOM BLACK ADVISES WAS FORMER ASSOCIATE AT NOPCO. CHARLES ~~E BENDER~~, BOX THREE TWO THREE, FLEMINGTON, NJ, WHO ACCORDING TO BLACK WAS BACTERIOLOGIST AT NOPCO AND IS NOW EMPLOYED BY HYPEX COMPANY, ONE TWO TWO MAIN ST., FLEMINGTON, NJ. BERNARD ~~EDELSTEIN~~, ACCORDING TO BLACK-S NOTES COULD BE LOCATED AT QUOTE CARE OF CAROLIN DASH LINDEN TWO DASH TWO EIGHT NINE FOUR UNQUOTE. BLACK ADVISES EDELSTEIN WAS A FELLOW EMPLOYEE AT NOPCO. A NOTATION QUOTE SHAW, MA TWO DASH FOUR ONE THREE SIX UNQUOTE BLACK WAS UNABLE TO EXPLAIN. OTTO ~~GREINER~~, FIVE FIVE PLANE ST., PHONE NUMBER HUMBOLDT TWO DASH FIVE EIGHT EIGHT FOUR, WAS INDICATED BY BLACK AS A DEALER IN LABORATORY APPARATUS. GIVAUDAU ~~DELAWANNA~~, THREE THREE OUGHT WEST FORTYSECOND ST., NEWARK, PHONE NO LACKAWANNA FOUR DASH SIX FIVE OUGHT OUGHT. BLACK ADVISES IS A PERFUME MANUFACTURER. THE FOLLOWING NOTATIONS WERE OBSERVED IN THE SEARCH AND BLACK AT TIME OF INTERVIEW WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY-- QUOTE ~~WEISEMAN~~, ONE OUGHT FOUR FI FAIRVIEW, EL THREE DASH SIX NINE EIGHT NINE UNQUOTE, QUOTE ~~HERMAN~~, A UNQUOTE OR QUOTE ~~HENNAN~~, A. DASH OR THREE DASH NINE ONE NINE OUGHT

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UNQUOTE, QUOTE TO CLURE, EL THREE DASH THREE TWO SIX THREE UNQUOTE,
QUOTE DAVID STONE, WE TWO DASH FIVE FIVE THREE SEVEN UNQUOTE. NEWARK
WILL ENDEAVOR TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED IN ABOVE QUOTATIONS.
RICHARD WILSON, ONE FOUR EIGHT STEUBER STREET, EAST ORANGE, NJ, WAS
INDICATED BY BLACK AS A NEGRO WHO WASHED GLASSWARE AT NOPCO AND
WHOSE NAME APPEARED IN BLACK-S PROPERTY AS DID THE NAME PAUL WILLIAMS
OF ONE ARLINGTON ROAD, WITH PHONE NO CR SIX DASH TWO ONE FIVE THREE M,
WHICH LATTER NOTATION BLACK COULD NOT IDENTIFY. A SMALL CARD BORE A
NOTATION BELIEVED TO BE THE HANDWRITING OF BLACK WHICH REFLECTS THAT
GENE SMALLEY OR SMALLEY OF ONE TWO OUGHT SEVEN ELM AVENUE, NORTH
COLLINGSWOOD, NJ WAS BEING PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN FRANKLIN INSTITUTE
BY BLACK. EXPEDITE AS BLACK WILL PROBABLY BE INTERVIEWED ON JUNE TWENTY
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THOMAS L BLACK, ESPIONAGE R. THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE TODAY HAS MADE
A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF ALL BLACK-S PERTINENT MATERIAL FOUND AT VAN
POSNAK STORAGE CO., NEWARK, NJ AND FURNISHED BY THE NEWARK AGENTS TO
THE PHILA. OFFICE. THIS MATERIAL IS BEING ANALYZED IN VIEW OF
POTENTIAL LEADS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND ADDITIONAL FUTURE INTERVIEWS
WITH SUBJECT. AMONG MATERIAL FOUND THEREIN IS A NOTATION DEALING WITH
DR EARL WILLIAM FLOSDORFF. BLACK HAS PREVIOUSLY STATED THAT HE ~~WAS SENT~~
BY HIS SOVIET SUPERIOR, DR ROBERT SCHWARTZ, TO VISIT WITH FLOSDORFF
AROUND NINETEEN THIRTY NINE AND TO ASCERTAIN IF FLOSDORFF IS STILL
WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH ANTORG. BLACK IDENTIFIED SCHWARTZ AS BEING
CONNECTED WITH THE SOVIET RED CROSS IN THE US. ON A CARD FOUND IN THE
MATERIAL MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY BEARING THE NAME OF EARL WILLIAM
FLOSDORFF, WAS THE NOTATION QUOTE DR GEORGE RABINOVICH, MD DASH RRCR,
THIRTY NINE DASH R. UNQUOTE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS MAY MEAN THAT
DR GEORGE RABINOVICH WAS THE RUSSIAN RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE IN THIS
COUNTRY AND RETURNED TO RUSSIA IN NINETEEN THIRTYNINE. ALSO FOUND WITH
THIS NOTATION WAS A LETTER ADDRESSED TO DR FLOSDORFF IN NINETEEN FORTYTWO
THIS LETTER WAS SIGNED DR G. L. RABINOVICH, IN WHICH THE WRITER OF THE
LETTER MENTIONS THE FACT THAT HE WAS THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
RED CROSS IN THE US AT ONE TIME AND THAT HE HAD ASSOCIATED WITH FLOS-
DORFF WHILE IN THE US AND HAD MET HIM AT THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOTEL IN
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PHILA. THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT THE DR GEORGE RABINOVICH OR
G L RABINOVICH IS IDENTICAL WITH BLACK-S SOVIET SUPERIOR DR ROBERT
SCHWARTZ. THE BUREAU AND THE NEW YORK OFFICE SHOULD CHECK THEIR FILES
TO DETERMINE WHAT INFO IS AVAILABLE CONCERNING RABINOVICH AND IF A
PHOTOGRAPH AND DESCRIPTION ARE AVAILABLE. WFO SHOULD CHECK THE RECORDS
OF THE DEPT OF STATE TO DETERMINE IF RABINOVICH HAS BEEN NOTIFIED
THE SECY OF STATE AS AN AGENT OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT. IT IS REQUESTED
THAT THIS LEAD BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY INASMUCH AS IT IS ANTICIPATED
THAT BLACK WILL COME TO PHILA OFFICE PROBABLY JUNE TWENTY SINCE HE HAS
INDICATED A DESIRE TO CONFER FURTHER WITH THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS. IF
PHOTOGRAPH LOCATED SEND PHILA. SPECIAL DELIVERY.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS, ESP. R. ERNEST G. SEGESSEMAN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE
AT PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, FINE ORGANICS, TWO NAUGHT FIVE MAIN STREET, LOCI,
NJ. HE ADVISED HE FIRST MET BLACK WHILE BLACK WAS EMPLOYED HOLBROOK CO.,
JERSEY CITY, NJ THROUGH CLIFFORD HEVENOR, FORMER PENN STATE CLASSMATE OF
BLACK, THEN EMPLOYED WITH SEGESSEMAN AT NOPCO. SEGESSEMAN, HEVENOR AND
BLACK LIVED TOGETHER ON SIP STREET, JERSEY CITY, ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS. LAST
KNOWN EMPLOYMENT OF HEVENOR WAS ATLAS REFINERY, NEWARK, IN NINETEEN
THIRTYSIX. BLACK AND SEGESSEMAN SHARED APARTMENT OXFORD STREET, NEWARK,
UNTIL NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN, WHEN SEGESSEMAN WENT TO GEORGIA FOR ONE
YEAR FOR NOPCO. UPON RETURN SEGESSEMAN LIVED IN SAME APARTMENT BUILDING
WITH BLACK, BUT IN A SEPARATE APARTMENT. SEGESSEMAN SEVERED RELATIONS
WITH NOPCO ABOUT NINETEEN FORTYONE, AND MOVED TO WOOD-RIDGE, NJ. SINCE
FORTYONE, BLACK AND SEGESSEMAN HAVE MAINTAINED FREQUENT BUT NOT INTIMATE
ASSOCIATION. SEGESSEMAN VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION BLACK WAS MEMBER OF CP,
JERSEY CITY, DURING NINETEEN THIRTIES, BUT LOST SYMPATHY WITH SOVIET AND
COMMUNISM DUE TO THE HITLER-STALIN PACT ALTHOUGH BLACK HAD NOT BEEN

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MEMBER OF THE PARTY FOR SOMETIME PREVIOUS. SEGESSEMAN SAID BLACK
WAS NOT TROTSKYITE OR MEMBER OF SWP TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, BUT BELIEVED HIM TO
BE SOCIALIST OF NORMAN THOMAS SCHOOL. HE FEELS CERTAIN BLACK NEVER
ATTENDED A CONVENTION IN CHICAGO. SEGESSEMAN MET GOLD THROUGH BLACK
EARLY NINETEEN THIRTIES WHEN BLACK GOT GOLD HIS JOB AT HOLBROOK CO.

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JERSEY CITY, AND GOLD MADE NUMEROUS VISITS TO BLACK-S APARTMENT TO LEARN DUTIES OF HIS NEW JOB. SEGESSEMAN HAD NO CONTACT WITH GOLD SINCE MID-THIRTIES EXCEPT CHANCE MEETING WITH HIM IN NEW YORK CHEMICAL LIBRARY IN NINETEEN FORTYNINE. SEGESSEMAN DESCRIBED GOLD FOR PERIOD HE KNEW HIM AS ANTI-SOVIET AND ANTI-COMMUNIST. HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY ON PART OF BLACK AND IS OF OPINION HE WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN ESPIONAGE DUE TO COWARDLY TRAITS. SEGESSEMAN BELIEVES BLACK EXPELLED FROM PENN STATE UNIVERSITY BECAUSE OF ATHEIST BELIEFS AND ADVISES BLACK ATTENDED NEW YORK MEETINGS OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ATHEISM. SEGESSEMAN ADVISES HE HIMSELF NEVER APPROACHED BY ANYONE RE FURNISHING INFORMATION OR DOING ESPIONAGE WORK. SEGESSEMAN SIGNED WAIVER OF SEARCH FOR HOME. NOTHING OF INTEREST FOUND. HE APPEARED SINCERE AND COOPERATIVE THROUGHOUT.

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DIRECTOR AND SACS URGENT

THOMAS L. BLACK., WAS. ESP-B. JACOB I. FASS INTERVIEWED AT HIS HOME THREE SIX SEVEN MILLER AVE., BROOKLYN, N.Y. AT ELEVEN THIRTY P.M. JUNE FIFTEEN LAST. FASS STATED HE FIRST MET BLACK WHILE BOTH WERE EMPLOYED AT NOPCO. FASS ORGANIZED SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY IN PHILA. AND BORROWED MONEY FROM BLACK FOR THE BUSINESS. STATES TOTAL AMOUNT BORROWED WAS AROUND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. BLACK HAS DONE CONSULTANT WORK FOR SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO. BUT TRIED TO KEEP THE RELATIONSHIP

UNKNOWN TO CHARLES BERG, HIS EMPLOYER. P. A. DITTMAN, ACCORDING TO FASS, WAS INTRODUCED TO SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY THROUGH ERNEST SEGESSEMAN, WHOM BLACK KNEW AT NOPCO. DITTMAN IS IN BUSINESS FOR

HIMSELF. HE SECURES ORDERS FOR CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS AND THEN HAS SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY MAKE UP THE COMPOUND ACCORDING TO HIS SPECIFICATIONS. DITTMAN HAS NO INTEREST IN SPRUCE OTHER THAN THAT ACCORDING TO FASS. FASS VOLUNTEERED THE INFORMATION BLACK TOLD HIM HE WAS A COMMUNIST UNTIL THIRTYTHREE BUT QUIT BECAUSE RUSSIA DID NOT PREVENT HITLER FROM ASSUMING POWER IN EUROPE. HE THEN ALLEGEDLY JOINED THE TROTSKYITES. FASS MAINTAINED THAT BOTH HE AND BLACK

WERE SURPRISED TO HEAR OF GOLD-S PARTICIPATION IN ESPIONAGE. FASS SAID HE HAD NOT THE SLIGHTEST IDEA THAT GOLD HAD COMMUNIST LEANINGS. FASS SIGNED A WAIVER OF SEARCH OF THE PREMISES OF SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, ONE SEVEN SEVEN EAST RAILWAY AVE., PATERSON, N.J. DURING THE INTERVIEW FASS WAS OUTWARDLY COOPERATIVE, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT FURTHER INTERVIEWS WITH HIM SHOULD BE CONDUCTED. NEWARK ADVISED BY PHONE AND WILL PICK UP EXECUTED WAIVER OF SEARCH IN ORDER TO

CEED WITH THE SEARCH.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS. ESP. JACOB I. FASS INTERVIEWED AT HIS HOME
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FIFTEEN LAST. FASS STATED HE FIRST MET BLACK WHILE BOTH WERE
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SECRET FROM CURTIS BELL, HIS EMPLOYER. P.A. DITTMAN, ACCORDING TO
FASS, WAS INTRODUCED TO SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY THROUGH ERNEST

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CORDING TO FASS. FASS MAINTAINED THE INFORMATION BLACK TOLD HIM
HE WAS A COMMUNIST UNTIL THIRTYTHREE BUT QUIT BECAUSE RUSSIA DID NOT

WANT HIM. FASS SAID HE WAS IN EUROPE. HE THEN ALLEGEDLY
JOINED THE EXTREMISTS. FASS MAINTAINED THAT BOTH HE AND BLACK
WERE SURPRISED TO HEAR OF GOLD'S PARTICIPATION IN ESPIONAGE. FASS
SAID HE HAD NOT THE SLIGHTEST IDEA THAT GOLD HAD COMMUNIST LEANINGS.

FASS GAVE A HISTORY OF SEARCH OF THE PREMISES OF SPRUCE CHEMICAL
COMPANY, ONE SEVEN SEVEN LAST AVENUE, PATERSON, N.J. DURING
RECENT INTERVIEW FASS WAS OUTRAGEDLY COOPERATIVE, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT
FURTHER INTERVIEWING WITH HIM WOULD BE CONDUCTED. FASS ADVISED

FASS WOULD STILL BE EXECUTED UNDER ORDER OF SEARCH IN ORDER TO PRO-

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 THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS, ESP. DASH R. HARRY GOLD IN CUSTODY OF PHILADELPHIA
 OFFICE, ADMITS ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF SOVIET UNION IN EARLY
 FORTIES. HE STATES THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS, ALSO ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE
 ACTIVITY FOR RUSSIA AT THAT TIME. BLACK IS PRESENTLY BEING INTERVIEWED
 BY PHILADELPHIA AND DENIES GOLD-S CHARGE, BUT ADMITS PAST MEMBERSHIP
 IN CP. FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON BLACK. BORN JULY FIVE,
 NINETEEN SEVEN, BLOOMSBURG, PA. GRADUATED PENN STATE UNIVERSITY,
 NINETEEN TWENTYNINE AS CHEMIST. EMPLOYED AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY,
 LINDEN, N. J., NINETEEN TWENTYNINE DASH THIRTY. HOLBROOK MANUFACTURING
 CO., JERSEY CITY, N. J., NINETEEN THIRTY DASH THIRTYTHREE, NATIONAL
 OIL PRODUCTS CO., HARRISON, N. J., NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE DASH FORTYFOUR.
 DISCHARGED FROM NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS FOR INCOMPETENCE. EMPLOYED FINE
 ORGANICS, INC., LODI, N. J. AFTER LEAVING NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS UNTIL
 NINETEEN FORTYNINE. PRESENTLY EMPLOYED CHARLES W. BERG LABORATORIES,
 PHILADELPHIA, AND AS CONSULTANT TO ~~SPRUCE~~ CHEMICAL CO., ONE SEVEN SEVEN
 EAST RAILWAY AVENUE, PATERSON, N. J. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION REGARDING
 KNOWN PRESENT ASSOCIATES IN NEW JERSEY. JACOB ISREAL ~~FASS~~, THREE SIX
 SEVEN MILLER AVE., BROOKLYN, N. Y., GRADUATE CHEMIST COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY,
 STATES HE IS PRINCIPAL OWNER OF ~~SPRUCE~~ CHEMICAL CO. FASS WAS CO-WORK-
 ER OF BLACK AT NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS CO., FROM NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT

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DASH FORTYFOUR. FASS ALSO KNOWN AS JACK FASS. ERNEST SEGESSEMAN ALSO A
CO-WORKER OF BLACK AT NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS CO. UNTIL NINETEEN FORTYTWO.
FROM NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE TO NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN, SEGESSEMAN SHARED
AN APARTMENT WITH BLACK AT CHELLIS AUSTIN APARTMENTS, OXFORD ST., NEWARK,
N. J. SEGESSEMAN IS NOW VICE PRESIDENT OF FINE ORGANICS, INC., LODI,
NJ RESIDES ONE SIX FIVE TWELFTH ST., WOOD-RIDGE, NJ. GOTTFRIED ZIEGLER,
FIVE THREE FIVE LEXINGTON AVENUE, CLIFTON, NJ, IS OWNER OF SHEET METAL
BUSINESS AND OF PROPERTY PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO.
ZIEGLER BORN GERMANY APRIL NINE, EIGHTEEN NINETYSIX, ENTERED U. S.
OCTOBER EIGHTEEN NINETYSIX AND NATURALIZED IN PASSAIC COUNTY, NJ
ON MARCH SIX, NINETEEN FORTYFIVE. PAUL A. DITTMAN, SIX THREE MAIN STREET
GARFIELD, NJ, WHITE, BORN MOSCOW, RUSSIA, SIXTYTWO YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET
TEN INCHES, TWO HUNDRED LBS., BLUE EYES, GRAY HAIR, CHEMICAL ENGINEER,
SELF-EMPLOYED. DITTMAN-S BUSINESS CARD READING "P. A. DITTMAN, CHEMICAL
ENGINEERING, WATER CONDITIONING, ARMORY FOUR DASH SEVEN NINE FOUR THREE,"
APPEARS IN FRONT WINDOW OF SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO. PREMISES. EXACT CONNECT-
ION WITH COMPANY UNKNOWN. SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO. BELIEVED TO BE A
MANUFACTURING AGENT FOR HIM. DITTMAN ARRANGED FACTORY SPACE IN PATERSON
FOR SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO. DITTMAN NOW ON EXTENDED VACATION AT WINOOSKI,
VERMONT, ADDRESS IS CARE OF HENRY H. SALLS, RFD THREE, PORTERS POINT.
INTERVIEW DITTMAN RE BLACK-S ACTIVITY AND ASSOCIATES AND BLACK-S
CONNECTION WITH SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO. DETERMINE DITTMAN-S CONNECTION WITH
SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO. AND WITH BLACK AND HIS ASSOCIATES. DEVELOP ANY
INFORMATION HELPFUL TO PHILADELPHIA IN INTERVIEW OF BLACK. HANDLE
EXPEDITIOUSLY. SUTEL ALL OFFICES ABOVE.
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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP-R. RE PHILA TEL JUNE THIRTEEN. SOURCES
AT NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY KNOW OF NO RELATIVES OF JACOB ISRAEL FASS.
OTHER THAN PARENTS MEYER AND IDA FASS, THREE SIX SEVEN MILLER AVENUE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y., AND A BROTHER SEYMOUR FASS OF UNKNOWN ADDRESS.
NOPCO FILES REFLECT FASS REGISTERED WITH LDB NUMBER TWO TWO NINE, BROOK-
LYN, N. Y. AND WAS THIRTY EIGHT GRADUATE IN CHEMISTRY FROM COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY, NYC. ALSO INDICATES THAT MEYER FASS FORMERLY EMPLOYED
I. ZUCKERMAN COMPANY, FORTYONE EAST ELEVENTH STREET, NYC. NY CHECK
SELECTIVE SERVICE AND COLUMBIA RECORDS OF JACOB FASS AND AVAILABLE
RECORDS OF MEYER FASS TO ASCERTAIN OTHER RELATIVES OF FASS WHO MAY
AT PRESENT RESIDE IN PHILA.

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DIRECTOR AND SACS URGENT

THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS, ESP-R. RECORDS AT BRONX HOSPITAL REFLECT ONE THOMAS BLACK, FIVE FIVE OXFORD STREET, NEWARK, NJ, AGE TWO SEVEN IN THIRTYFIVE WAS ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL ON JUNE SEVEN, THIRTYFIVE AND DISCHARGED JUNE NINE, THIRTYFIVE. HE WAS THE PRIVATE PATIENT OF DR. JOSEPH A. LANDY WHOSE CURRENT ADDRESS IS NINE HUNDRED GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NY. THE RECORDS SHOW THE DIAGNOSIS TO BE PHIMOSIS AND THE SURGICAL PROCEDURE IN THIS CASE WAS CIRCUMCISION. PHOTO OF DR. PAUL LUTTINGER APPEARED IN "DAILY WORKER" OF AUGUST ONE FOUR, THIRTYTHREE ON PAGE FOUR. THIS COPY NOT AVAILABLE IN NYO, BUT A COPY OF THE PHOTO POSSIBLY MIGHT BE OBTAINED THROUGH NY PUBLIC LIBRARY IF PHILADELPHIA DESIRES SAME. NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH LANDY CONTAINED IN NY FILE. UNABLE TO TRACE BLACK-S CONTAX CAMERA AT CARL ZEISS, INC., NYC. ZEISS OFFICE HERE HAD NO RECORD OF IMPORTING ANY SERIES F CAMERAS, BELIEVES IT MUST HAVE BEEN PURCHASED IN EUROPE AND BROUGHT TO US BY AN INDIVIDUAL. LENS AND PROBABLY CAMERA BELIEVED SOLD ORIGINALLY IN THIRTYSEVEN.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS - ESPIONAGE - R. INTERVIEW RESUMED SIX FORTY-

THREE PM TODAY AND CONCLUDED NINE FORTYONE PM. INTERVIEW CONSISTED

OF TAKING UP WITH BLACK QUESTIONS WHICH AROSE FROM INFORMATION GIVEN

IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS. BLACK DOES NOT RECALL CONVERSATION WITH

HARRY GOLD TO EFFECT THAT BROTHMAN SAID KLAUS FUCHS ARRESTED AND

QUESTIONED BY BRITHISH IN NINETEEN FORTYSIX. BLACK SAID PAUL PETERSEN

GAVE HIM CONTA X CAMERA MODEL THREE WITH BUILT IN EXPOSURE METER IN

NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE. PETERSON DESCRIBED THIS AS QUOTE REFUGEE UNQUOTE

CAMERA AND BLACK SAID EXPOSURE METER HAD FOREIGN TABLE AND HOLE FOR

TRIPOD WAS STANDARD FOREIGN SIZE. WHEN BLACK RECEIVED CAMERA, FILM

WINDING APPARATUS DAMAGED. THIS DAMAGE REPAIRED AT CARL ZEISS SHOP,

FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NINETEEN THIRTYSIX. LATER NINETEEN THIRTYSIX

BLACK TRADED MODEL THREE CONTAX CAMERA AT PEN CAMERA EXCHANGE, THIRTY-

SECOND STREET, NEW YORK CITY, FOR CONTAX MODEL TWO. THIS WAS EVEN

EXCHANGE, NO CASH INVOLVED. BLACK HAS SOMEWHERE IN HIS EFFECTS

COPIES DESTROYED COPY OF PENN CAMERA RECORD OF EXCHANGE. PETERSEN TOLD BLACK

RUSSIANS HAD RECORD OF SERIAL NUMBER OF ORIGINAL CAMERA GIVEN HIM.

NINETEEN FORTYTWO, FORTYTHREE, JACK REQUESTED BLACK RETURN CAMER EX

PLAINING IT WAS NEEDED FOR USE BY PERSON WHO WAS MAKING TRIP TO

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WEST COAST. CAMERA RETURNED TO BLACK AFTER TWO OR THREE MONTHS AND STILL IN HIS POSSESSION. BLACK RELATED THE FOLLOWING INFO REGARDING CONTACTS WITH WILLIAM STAPLER. LATE WINTER OF NINETEEN FORTYFOUR JACK TOLD BLACK THERE WAS A MAN AT HERCULES POWDER COMPANY IN DELAWARE WHO HAD IN THE PAST GIVEN SOVIETS VALUABLE INFO. JACK DESCRIBED HIM AS ENTIRELY MERCENARY. JACK GAVE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND COMPLETE NAME AS WILLIAM STAPLER AND INSTRUCTED BLACK TO MEET STAPLER IN THE RAILROAD STATION AT WILMINGTON, DELAWARE. BLACK WAS TO INTRODUCE SELF AS BOB. STAPLER WOULD BE WEARING CERTAIN COLOR TIE AND CARRYING MAGAZINE, PROBABLY TIME. BLACK SAYS HE DID NOT GO TO WILMINGTON BUT REPORTED TO JACK THAT HE HAD AND HAD FAILED TO RECOGNIZE STAPLER. JACK THEN ARRANGED MEETING BETWEEN BLACK, STAPLER AND JACK AT NEW YORK ABOUT THREE WEEKS AFTER DATE OF PROPOSED ORIGINAL MEETING IN WILMINGTON. AT THIS MEETING, AT OR NEAR PENN STATION, NYC, JACK INTRODUCED BLACK TO STAPLER AS BOB AND INSTRUCTED BLACK THAT IN THE FUTURE HE WOULD BE CONTACT MAN FOR STAPLER AND BLACK AND STAPLER WERE TO MAKE OWN APPOINTMENTS. STAPLER LATER TOLD BLACK HE HAD SOLD TO SOVIETS REPORTS KNOWN AS HOPEWELL. THESE WERE DESCRIBED AS MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTS ON WORK AT HERCULES, HOPEWELL, VIRGINIA PLANT. STAPLER HAD BEEN SELLING THESE AND SIMILAR REPORTS TO SOVIETS FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS PRIOR TO NINETEEN FORTYFOUR AND HAD ORIGINALLY GONE TO AMTORG IN NEW YORK OFFERING TO SECURE INFORMATION. HAD RECEIVED

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VARIOUS PRICES FOR EACH MONTHLY REPORT STARTING AT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS, DROPPING TO ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS AND FINALLY TO ONE HUNDRED. STAPLER TOLD BLACK HE SECURED THESE REPORTS THROUGH THE TECHNICAL LIBRARIAN AT HERCULES LIBRARY IN WILMINGTON. THIS LIBRARIAN DESCRIBED BY STAPLER AS OLD MAID. STAPLER SECURED HER COOPERATION BY PRETENDING ROMANTIC INTEREST IN HER. STAPLER WOULD PERSUADE LIBRARIAN TO CHARGE OUT HOPEWELL REPORTS OVER WEEKEND FOR HIM TO STUDY IN CONNECTION WITH HIS WORK. ON TRIPS TO HOME IN NEW JERSEY, WOULD TURN OVER REPORT, AMOUNTING TO SEVERAL HUNDRED PAGES, TO SOVIET AGENT IN NEWARK RAILROAD STATION OR PENNSYLVANIA STATION. AGENT WOULD ARRANGE FOR PHOTOCOPYING OF REPORT OVER WEEKEND RETURNING IT TO STAPLER SUNDAY EVENING WHEN STAPLER RETURNED TO WILMINGTON. BLACK ARRANGED WITH STAPLER TO CALL BY PHONE AT STAPLER-S HOME TELLING MRS. STAPLER BOB WAS CALLING. MRS. STAPLER WOULD THEN TELL BLACK THE EXACT TIME STAPLER WAS DUE AT NEWARK AND BLACK WOULD MEET HIM THERE. BLACK POSITIVE MRS. STAPLER KNEW OF HUSBAND-S SALE OF HERCULES MATERIAL TO SOVIETS. AT FIRST MEETING BETWEEN BLACK, STAPLER AND JACK, STAPLER TOLD JACK HE WANTED THE MONEY THEN DUE HIM. AN ARGUMENT FOLLOWED OVER THE AMOUNT. STAPLER HELD OUT FOR ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE BUT JACK WILLING TO PAY ONLY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. JACK TOLD STAPLER BLACK WOULD BRING MONEY TO HIM. AT NEXT MEETING BETWEEN BLACK AND JACK LATTER

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COUNTED OUT SEVERAL BILLS AND SEALED THEM IN AN ENVELOPE AND GAVE THEM TO BLACK. SUBSEQUENTLY BLACK MADE TELEPHONE CALL TO MRS. STAPLER, ARRANGED MEET AT NEWARK RAILROAD STATION. BLACK MET STAPLER THERE, DELIVERED ENVELOPE WHICH STAPLER OPENED. AFTER COUNTING THE MONEY, STAPLER GAVE BLACK RECEIPT WHICH BLACK LATER TURNED OVER TO JACK.

AT THIS TIME STAPLER TOLD BLACK HE HAD SEVERAL HOPEWELL REPORTS WHICH SOVIETS HAD NOT RECEIVED AS WELL AS OTHER VALUABLE INFORMATION. BLACK ALSO RECALLS THAT STAPLER MENTIONED A SOVIET AGENT ONCE HAD DINNER AT STAPLER-S HOME. BLACK HAD NO INFORMATION REGARDING STAPLER-S SON EXCEPT THAT IN NINETEEN FORTYFOUR SON WAS IN ARMY AND STAPLER WAS WORRIED ABOUT A WOMAN WITH WHOM HE WAS KEEPING COMPANY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW BLACK ADVISED THAT FROM CONTACTING SOVIET AGENTS HE CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THEY HAD CONTACTS AT THE KELLOGG COMPANY. PRIOR NEWARK TELETYPE INDICATES THAT YOUNG STAPLER IS EMPLOYED BY KELLOGG COMPANY. AT THIS MEET BLACK ASKED STAPLER TO SECURE FOR HIM FOR PERSONAL USE, SAMPLE OF PURE RESIN AND LITERATURE ON HERCULES PRODUCTS SUCH AS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO CUSTOMERS. LITERATURE OF THIS TYPE FOUND AMONG BLACK-S EFFECTS. BLACK SAYS HE DOES NOT KNOW WHERE STAPLER IS AT PRESENT AND HAS NOT SEEN HIM SINCE TIME WHEN STAPLER GAVE HIM THE SAMPLE OF RESIN AND THE LITERATURE. NO SOVIET BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT FINAL MEETING. BLACK SAYS JACK TOLD HIM THAT CARLO TRESKA, KILLED IN NEW YORK BY SOVIET AGENT, EXPLAINED

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THAT THIS WAS NOT MURDER BUT AN EXECUTION SINCE TRESKA HAD BEEN TRIED IN MOSCOW AND FOUND GUILTY OF BEING AN ENEMY OF SOVIET RUSSIA. BLACK SAYS HE HAD SEVERAL CONTACTS WITH BROTHMAN. FIRST HEARD OF HIM ABOUT NINETEEN FORTYTWO FROM HARRY GOLD WHEN GOLD EXPECTED TO BE DRAFTED AND TOLD BLACK HE HAD CONTACT WHO HAD GIVEN HIM MUCH VALUABLE INFO FOR SOVIETS. GOLD DID NOT NAME CONTACT BUT SAID HE WAS AN EXPERT ON MIXING MACHINERY AND CONTINUOUS PROCESSES. GOLD WANTED BLACK TO TAKE OVER CONTACT BUT BLACK REFUSED. IN FALL OF NINETEEN FORTYFOUR BLACK MADE SOCIAL VISIT WITH GOLD TO OFFICE OF A BROTHMAN, LONG ISLAND CITY. BROTHMAN AND TOLD THEN WORKING ON PROJECTS INVOLVING MANUFACTURE OF PLEXIGLASS. GOLD DESCRIBED BROTHMAN AS BRILLIANT CHEMIST AND DURING VISIT BLACK LEARNED BROTHMAN WAS EXPERT ON MIXING MACHINERY AND CONTINUOUS PROCESSES. IN SPRING NINETEEN FORTYSIX, GOLD CALLED BLACK AT BERG LABORATORIES, PHILADELPHIA, FROM BROTHMAN-S LAB AT LONG ISLAND CITY, ASKING BLACK TO STOP AT ROHM AND HASS, BRISTOL, PA., TO PICK UP SAMPLE OF PLEXIGLASS AND BRING TO LONG ISLAND CITY LAB. THIS BLACK DID. IN NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN BLACK WENT TO BROTHMAN-S LONG ISLAND CITY LAB WITH GOLD EARLY ONE EVENING AND WAS TOLD BROTHMAN WAS DESIGNING PENICILLIN PRODUCTION PLANT FOR SOVIETS. AT THAT TIME BROTHMAN ASKED BLACK IF HE WERE WILLING TO WORK ON THIS PROJECT ON CONSULTING BASIS SINCE BROTHMAN NOT FAMILIAR WITH FERMENTATION PROCESSES INVOLVED. BROTHMAN SAID WORK MIGHT INVOLVE TRIP TO RUSSIA AFTER PLANT SET UP IN ORDER TO GET IT INTO OPERATION. BROTHMAN INTI-

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MATED HE WAS BEING PAID TEN PER CENT OF COST OF PLANT BY SOVIETS AND BLACK HAD IMPRESSION BROTHMAN OFFERED HIM HALF OF HIS PROCEEDS. BLACK REFUSED, NOT BEING INTERESTED IN TRIP TO RUSSIA AND BROTHMAN DROPPED SUBJECT. BLACK SAYS PRIOR TO TIME ~~GOLD~~ WORKED FOR BROTHMAN, GOLD WAS KNOWN TO BROTHMAN AS FRANK ~~KESSLER~~, AND ON FIRST VISIT TO BROTHMAN, BLACK WAS INTRODUCED TO HIM AS TOM WRIGHT. THESE ALIASES LATER DROPPED. AT TIME OF NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION ON BROTHMAN, GOLD SAID THAT BROTHMAN HAD THE IDEA BLACK WAS EITHER THE MASTERMIND OF SOVIET ESPIONAGE IN UNITED STATES OR HAD GIVEN INFO ABOUT BROTHMAN. BLACK ALSO INDIRECTLY INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING BROTHMAN CONSULTING JOB FOR STANTON LABORATORIES, MANAYUNK SECTION OF PHILA. BLACK PRODUCED NOTED COVERING HIS RECOLLECTION OF APPOINTMENT MADE FOR HIM BY JACK WITH WOMAN NAMED HELEN WHO WAS TO BECOME HIS NEW SUPERIOR. THIS APPOINTMENT WAS IN SPRING NINETEEN FORTYSIX OR FORTYSEVEN. BLACK WAS TO MEET HER AT LEXINGTON AVENUE, NYC, NEAR FORTYSECOND OR FORTYTHIRD STREET AT SEVENTHIRTY PM. WOMAN ^{BE} KNOWN TO BLACK AS ~~X~~HELEN, DESCRIBED AS HAVING BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, WOULD BE WEARING WOMAN-S SUIT AND CARRYING COPY OF VOGUE MAGAZINE, ALSO WEARING COAT WITH FUR COLLAR. BLACK INSTRUCTED TO ENTER DRUG STORE NEAR FORTYSECOND OR FORTYTHIRD STREET AND LEXINGTON AVENUE SIT AT COUNTER AND EAT SANDWICH SLOWLY, AS MANY SANDWICHES AS NECESSARY TO KILL HALF HOUR, ALSO TO BE DRINKING GREEN COLORED LIME DRINK AND READING SATURDAY EVENING POST. HELEN WAS TO ENTER, SIT NEXT TO BLACK AND ORDER PINK COLORED STRAWBERRY SODA.

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SHE WAS THEN TO LOOK AT WRISTWATCH AND SAY, QUOTE PARDON ME MISTER, CAN YOU GIVE ME THE TIME. MY WATCH HAS RUN DOWN UNQUOTE. BLACK WAS TO TELL HER THAT HE HAD A CHEAP UNRELIABLE WATCH AND WAS TO LOOK BEHIND HIM FOR CLOCK, GIVING EXACT TIME ON CLOCK AND MAKE REMARK ABOUT RELIABILITY OF ELECTRIC CLOCK. THEY WERE BOTH TO FINISH EATING AT SAME TIME. WOMAN WAS TO PAY CHECK AND LEAVE STORE FIRST. WALKING AHEAD OF BLACK WEST ON FORTYSECOND STREET, MAKING NO ATTEMPT TO CONVERSE WITH HIM UNTIL SHE REACHED A FLORIST SHOP. IF THEY WERE TO MEET THEN SHE WAS TO STOP AND ADMIRE WINDOW DISPLAY. IF NOT, SHE WAS TO KEEP ON AND NO MEET BE MADE. IF NO MEET MADE, BLACK AND HELEN WERE TO MEET ONE WEEK LATER AT SAME TIME, WEARING SAME CLOTHES AND CARRYING SAME PROPS. SHE WAS TO WALK SOUTH FROM FORTYTHIRD STREET, BLACK NORTH FROM FORTYSECOND, PROBABLY ON FIFTH AVENUE. BLACK WAS TO TIME HIMSELF AS TO BE IN THE MIDDLE OF BLOCK BETWEEN SEVENTH/THIRTY AND SEVENTH THIRTY-THREE PM. IF HE DID NOT SEE HER IN THE SPECIFIED BLOCK, HE WAS TO GO HOME AND WAIT FOR TELEPHONE INSTRUCTION. IF SHE APPEARED, HE WAS TO GO TO AN EXPENSIVE RESTAURANT NEARBY, POSSIBLY SCHRAFT-S, TELL THE HOSTESS HE WAS MEETING FRIEND FOR DINNER AND ASK FOR A TABLE NEAR DOOR. HE WAS TO TELL WAITER HE WAS DINING WITH FRIEND AND ORDER A DRINK. WHEN HELEN ENTERED HE WAS TO GREET HER WITH QUOTE SUBDUED AFFECTION UNQUOTE. IF HELEN DID NOT APPEAR IMMEDIATELY, HE WAS TO

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APPROXIMATELY TELLING HER TIME TO FIND OUT
IF COAST WAS CLEAR. BLACK SAYS HE DID NOT KEEP EITHER APPOINTMENT WITH
HELEN AND NEVER SAW HER. HE FIXES TIME OF THESE APPOINTMENTS AS BEING
SHORTLY PRIOR TO NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY REGARDING ELIZABETH BENTLEY
ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE AS MUCH AS A YEAR OR TWO BEFORE THAT. BLACK
CAUTIONS THAT SOME OF STREET LOCATIONS MAY NOT BE CORRECT BUT MAY
DETAILS AND GENERAL PLAN ARE. BLACK LATER TOLD JACK IT HAD BEEN IM-
POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO KEEP THE APPOINTMENT. PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE TODAY
REVEALED ROUTINE ACTIVITIES AND SOME ATTEMPT ON PART OF BLACK TO DETECT
SURVEILLANCE. NEW YORK WILL ATTEMPT TO CHECK REPAIRS TO CONTAX
MODEL THREE CAMERA AT CARL ZEISS, FIFTH AVENUE, AND CHECK EXCHANGE
OF MODEL THREE FOR MODEL TWO CONTAX AT PENN CAMERA EXCHANGE, NYC.
WILL INTERVIEW ELIZABETH BENTLEY TO DETERMINE WHETHER SHE WAS
EVER INSTRUCTED TO MAKE MEET UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED ABOVE. WILL
ALSO NOTE ABOVE INFORMATION RE BROTHMAN FOR FUTURE POSSIBLE INTER-
VIEWS. BALTIMORE OFFICE WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT HERCULES POWDER
COMPANY TO IDENTIFY TECHNICAL LIBRARIAN AND WILL CONSIDER POSSIBILITY
OF ASCERTAINING WHETHER STAPLER-S CHARGE OUT CARDS FOR HOPEWELL RE-
PORTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE. WILL ALSO ASCERTAIN FROM HERCULES WHETHER
HOPEWELL REPORTS WERE RESTRICTED INFORMATION. NEWARK OFFICE WILL
CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF FURTHER INTERVIEW WITH MRS. WILLIAM STAPLER
IN LIGHT OF ADDITIONAL INFO ABOVE. WILL ALSO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY
THAT WILLIAM STAPLER-S SON, PRESENTLY EMPLOYED KELLOGG MANUFACTURING
CO., MAY ALSO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF FATHER-S PAST ACTIVITIES.

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INTERVIEW WITH BLACK CONTINUED TODAY FROM SIX THIRTYFIVE TO NINE FIFTY-FIVE PM. INTERVIEW CONSISTED OF QUESTIONS ON PARTS OF STORY PREVIOUSLY TOLD AND ON MATERIAL FOUND IN LOCKED METAL BOX IN VAN POZNACK WAREHOUSE, NEWARK. BLACK GAVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE PERSONS WHO FREQUENTED VERA KANE-S APARTMENT. FRED ~~HELLER~~, NO NEW INFORMATION. BUD ~~COOK~~, NO NEW INFORMATION. CHARLES ~~FEHER~~, CHEMIST FROM STATE OF WASHINGTON, ONCE CP MEMBER. JOSEPH ~~SKILTON~~, FRIEND OF HELLER, NOW DENTIST IN PHILA. GLADYS ~~MOREHOUSE~~, NOW MARRIED TO SKILTON. DOCTOR ~~COPELY~~, OSTEOPATH. IRENE ~~GRAVES~~, AKA RENEE, NATIVE ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, SOCIETY EDITOR NEW YORK WORLD BEFORE COMBINATION WITH NEW YORK TELEGRAM AND FRIEND VER KANE-S. J. BYRON ~~KINNEY~~, NATIVE ROCHESTER, CHILDHOOD FRIEND IRENE GRAVES AND A SEAMAN. HENRY AND AUREA ~~PHONETIC BROWN~~, HUSBAND AND WIFE, LATTER AN ARTIST. EDDIE ~~DRAKE~~, FORMER IWW MEMBER, SEAMAN AND STEEL WORKER. HARRY ~~DALALIAN~~, PENN STATE CLASSMATE HELLER AND BLACK NOW EMPLOYED LEDERLE LABORATORY, DIVISION OF AMERICAN CYAN-AMIDE COMPANY, PEARL RIVER, NEW YORK. BLACK GAVE THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE VERA KANE. BORN DECEMBER TWENTYFIVE, NINETY-NINE, AT RENSSELAER, NEW YORK. MAIDEN NAME VERONICA ~~BATCHELLER~~.

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FATHER ENGLISH, MOTHER IRISH. RAISED IN CATHOLIC CHURCH BUT LEFT IT. GRADUATE BARNARD COLLEGE, NEW YORK CITY, YEAR NOT KNOWN. MARRIED JOHN DEMPSTER ~~KANE~~ OF PHILA., NOW BELIEVED TO BE SUPERINTENDENT OF PAPER MILL IN UPSTATE NEW YORK. HAS ONE SON LIVING WITH HIS FATHER. SEPARATED BUT NOT DIVORCED. CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN ON STAGE AND IN RADIO. NOT A MEMBER OF THE BAR BUT IS HEAD OF LITIGATION DEPARTMENT IN ^ALOW FIRM FRAZIER, SPEARS, MEYERS, KIDDER. ONCE WORKED FOR JAPANESE SILK IMPORTING FIRM IN NYC. TOLD BLACK SHE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER NAMED ~~UDOFF~~ /FNU/ AN ATTORNEY. ONCE INTRODUCED BLACK TO CLARENCE ~~RA~~THAWAY, FORMER EDITOR DAILY WORKER. TOLD BLACK SHE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH MEMBERS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OR NATIONAL COMMITTEE CP. TOLD NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER SHE HAD HEARD IN HER LAW OFFICE THAT CP HEADQUARTER TELEPHONES WERE TAPPED. ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYSIX KANE MOVED FROM HER APARTMENT AT CARTERET HOTEL LEAVING NO FORWARDING ADDRESS. NEITHER BLACK NOR HELLER ABLE TO CONTACT HER FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS. SHE LATER TOLD BLACK IT HAD BEEN NECESSARY FOR HER TO GO INTO HIDING AND SHE HAD BEEN LIVING ON LOWER EASTSIDE, NYC. ONCE ASKED HELLER AND BLACK WHAT SHE COULD DO TO BE OF USE TO SOVIET UNION. CLAIMED SHE RECEIVED CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AT LAW FIRM REGARDING DEALINGS OF SUCH LARGE COMPANIES AS ALLIED CHEMICALS AND SEVERAL STEEL COMPANIES. OVAKIMIAN INTERESTED IN KANE AND QUESTIONED BLACK CONCERNING HER. PAUL PETERSEN ASKED BLACK FOR BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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VERA KANE. BLACK SUBMITTED SAME. WHEN BLACK TOLD KANE OF HIS ASSIGNMENT TO TROTSKY HOUSEHOLD KANE ADVISED HIM TO REPORT TO FBI AND SAID SHE WOULD ARRANGE IT. BLACK SUSPICIOUS OF THIS OFFER BELIEVING ARRANGEMENT UNNECESSARY. HE SUSPECTED SHE MAY HAVE BEEN TESTING HIM. BLACK DESCRIBES HER AS DYNAMIC PERSONALITY WITH AMAZING ABILITY TO DO MANY THINGS WELL AND EASILY. BELIEVES HER STORIES NOT ALWAYS CREDIBLE. BLACK SAID IN NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE OR THIRTYSIX, PETERSEN OFFERED TO SEND HIM TO CAL TECH TO STUDY FOR GRADUATE DEGREE. OFFERED LIBERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND SUGGESTED BLACK TAKE LIGHT SCHEDULE TO PROLONG COURSE. SAID THAT PROJECTS OF GREAT INTEREST TO SOVIETS BEING STUDIED AT CAL TECH LABORATORY. PETERSEN SAID SOVIETS ALSO INTERESTED IN WORK THEN IN PROGRESS AT MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE TECHNOLOGY BUT CAL TECH WORK MUCH MORE VALUABLE. BLACK WROTE FOR CATALOG BUT NEVER MADE APPLICATION. BLACK SAYS HE, HELLER AND OVAKIMIAN DISCUSSED RECRUITMENT OF HARRY GOLD. ONE OF FIRST ASSIGNMENTS PETERSEN GAVE BLACK WAS SUBMISSION OF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF HARRY GOLD. HELLER ARRANGED WITH GOLD FOR MEETING WITH PETERSEN. GOLD CAME TO BLACK-S NEWARK APARTMENT AND HE AND BLACK WENT TO NEW YORK MEETING PETERSEN IN RESTAURANT NEAR PENN STATION, POSSIBLY GAFFANTI-S. BLACK BELIEVES HE INTRODUCED PETERSEN TO GOLD SIMPLY BY FIRST NAME ~~PAUL~~. THIS ONLY TIME BLACK, GOLD AND PETERSEN MET TOGETHER AND OCCURRED IN FALL OF THIRTYFIVE ACCORDING TO BLACK-S RECOLLECTION. BLACK AND GOLD LATER DISCUSSED

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THEIR RESPECTIVE SOVIET CONTACTS BOTH OF WHOM HAD FIRST NAME PAUL. PETERSEN PRESENTED BLACK WITH SET OF BOOKS ON OILS, FATS AND WAXES. GOLD TOLD BLACK HE HAD TOLD PAUL, BLACK WANTED THESE BOOKS. GOLD RECEIVED SIMILAR SET FROM HIS CONTACT. BLACK GAVE FOLLOWING INFO RE ENTRIES IN NOTEBOOK FOUND IN HIS STRONGBOX AT STORAGE WAREHOUSE, NEWARK. BOOK CONTAINED NAME DORA GELFAND, SEVEN EIGHT FOUR SOUTH SIXTEENTH STREET, FOLLOWED BY INFO RE DEMENSIONS AND VALUE OF PROPERTY. BLACK SAID THIS WOMAN LIVED ^{IN} NEWARK AND HAD CONTRIBUTED SIZABLE SUM OF MONEY TO SWP. NAME GIVEN HIM BY PETERSEN AS SWP MEMBER ON WHOM BLACK SHOULD REPORT. BLACK DISCOVERED SHE WAS NOT MEMBER BUT SYMPATHIZER AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTOR. REPORTED SAME TO PETERSEN. HERMAN B. GELFAND, ARCHITECT, WAS DOR-S HUSBAND. THE NAME ABRAHAM L. VERIEDMAN, LAWYER, TELEPHONE ES-TWO SEVEN FOUR THREE FIVE, GIVEN HIM BY PETERSEN TO CHECK OUT. THIS WAS ANOTHER POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTOR BUT NOT SWP MEMBER. KATHERINE E. SREBNICK, INTERIOR DECORATOR, TELEPHONE ES-TWO TWO TWO ZERO EIGHT, WAS A FRIEND OF SARAH WEBER, WIFE OF JACK WEBER. THE ENTRY JACK JACOBS, MAX WEBER, CHIMICAL ENGINEER, ACCORDING TO BLACK WAS INFORMATION GIVEN HIM BY PETERSEN RE WEBER AND WAS ONLY INFORMATION PETERSEN HAD ABOUT POSSIBLE NAME. BLACK INSTRUCTED BY PETERSEN TO SECURE FULL INFO ON WEBER. THE ENTRY QUOTE SEE NICHOLS, E. RUTHERFORD UNQUOTE ACCORDING TO BLACK MEANT THAT PETERSEN HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO CONTACT A MAN NAMED NICHOLS IN EAST RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY. PETERSEN

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SAID NICHOLS HAD IN PAST BEEN VALUABLE SOVIET CONTACT AND HAD WORKED WITH GR FOR SOVIETS WHILE STUDENT AT MASS. INST. TECHNOLOGY. PETERSEN HAD LITTLE INFO RE NICHOLS EXCEPT THAT HE WAS GRADUATE MIT IN METALLURGY WHOSE HOBBY WAS WORKING WITH MICROSCOPES. LIVED IN EAST RUTHERFORD NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE AND BELIEVED WORKED IN NEWARK AREA. PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE TODAY REVEALED NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITIES. NEW YORK WILL CHECK INDICIES ON COOK, NEHER, SKILTON, MOREHOUSE, GRAVES, THE BROWNS, DRAKE AND DALALIAN MENTIONED ABOVE. WILL CHECK BACKGROUND RE VERA KANE GIVEN ABOVE FOR USE IN PENDING INTERVIEW. NEWARK WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IDENTITY BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES OF NICHOLS OF EAST RUTHERFORD MENTIONED ABOVE. WILL CHECK INDICIES RE DORA AND HERMAN GELFAND, ABRAHAM FRIEDMAN AND KATHERINE STREBNICK MENTIONED ABOVE CORNELIUS.

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FERDINAND P. HELLER, WAS, ESP-R. HARRY P. DALALIAN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. UNABLE TO SHED ANY LIGHT ON ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT, THOMAS L. BLACK AND VERA KANE. ADVISES THEY WERE ALL CP SYMPATHIZERS BUT BELIEVES VERA KANE WAS THE ONLY CP MEMBER. BELIEVES ALL THREE MENTIONED KNOWING AN ARMENIAN WHO WAS HEAD OF AMTORG.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS. ESP - R. RECORDS AT AMERICAN CYANAMID, THIRTY ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NYC, REFLECT DR. LOUIS J. CHRISTMANN IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY THAT COMPANY AS DIRECTOR OF THE BASIC NITROGEN RESEARCH DIVISION IN THE COMPANY-S PLANT IN STAMFORD, CT., AND RESIDES IN THAT CITY. INFO AVAILABLE AT NY OFFICE OF COMPANY OBTAINED FROM AN APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT DATED MARCH THREE, NINETEEN THIRTY. CHRISTMANN EMPLOYED BY AMERICAN CYANAMID SINCE NINETEEN TWENTY FIVE. HE WORKED IN THE METALLURGICAL RESEARCH AND MINERAL RESEARCH DIVISION AT THE WARNER PLANT NEAR LINDEN, NJ, UNTIL NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN AT WHICH TIME HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO STAMFORD. APPLICATION SHOWS YEAR OF BIRTH AS EIGHTEEN NINTY FIVE, PLACE OF BIRTH, NYC. ATTENDED STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL, NYC, UNTIL NINETEEN THIRTEEN, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY UNTIL NINETEEN EIGHTEEN, WHERE HE RECEIVED BS AND MS DEGREES. CHRISTMANN RECD PHD UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN, NINETEEN TWENTY FOUR. FROM JUNE, NINETEEN NINETEEN TO NOV., TWENTY THREE, CHRISTMANN EMPLOYED BY THE GRASELLI CHEMICAL CO., GRASELLI, NJ. NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION OR PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABLE IN NYO OF AMERICAN CYANAMID. ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FILE POSSIBLY LOCATED AT STAMFORD. FOR INFO OF NEW HAVEN OFFICE, SUBJECT,

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THOMAS L. BLACK, HAS ADMITTED CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH HARRY ~~X~~GOLD AND IS PRESENTLY FURNISHING INFO TO PHILADELPHIA CONCERNING HIS OWN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY DATING FROM THE EARLY NINETEEN THIRTIES. BLACK ADVISED THAT IN NYC IN NINETEEN THIRTY ONE, HE WAS REQUESTED BY ONE M. ~~X~~MARGOLIN TO FURNISH THE IDENTIFY OF ALL HIS ACQUAINTANCES WHO WERE CHEMISTS IN HIGH POSITIONS AND WHO ARE SYMPATHETIC TO THE SOVIET UNION. BLACK COULD ONLY RECALL ONE DR. LOUIS ~~X~~CHRISTMANN WHO WAS THEN DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH FOR THE AMERICAN CYANAMID CORP. AND WHO WAS REPORTED TO BE A ~~REDACTED~~ BLACK SAID HE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH CHRISTMANN BUT MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMANN TO MEET MARGOLIN AT BLACK-S APARTMENT. THE MEETING BETWEEN MARGOLIN AND CHRISTMANN TOOK PLACE AT WHICH TIME CHRISTMANN WANTED TO TALK POLITICS, BUT MARGOLIN PREFERRED TO KEEP IT ON A SOCIAL LEVEL. MARGOLIN AND CHRISTMANN DEPARTED BLACK-S APARTMENT TOGETHER. NEW HAVEN REQUESTED TO CHECK INDICES, CONTACT INFORMANTS RE CHRISTMANN AND TO ATTEMPT THROUGH AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY, STAMFORD, CT., TO OBTAIN A PHOTOGRAPH OF CHRISTMANN AND FORWARD SAME TO PHILA FOR EXHIBITION TO BLACK. PHILA ORIGIN.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESPIONAGE - R.

BLACK INTERVIEWED AT PHILA OFFICE SIX THIRTYSEVEN PM TO ELEVEN PM TODAY. INTERVIEW CONSISTED OF QUESTIONING HIM ABOUT MATERIAL FOUND IN LOCKED METAL BOX AMONG EFFECTS AT VAN POZNACK WAREHOUSE, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY. BLACK IDENTIFIED AND EXPLAINED FOLLOWING MATERIAL PERTINENT TO INVESTIGATION. NOTEBOOK CONTAINING DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT JACK AND SARAH WEBER WHICH BLACK REPORTED TO PETERSEN. ADDRESS OF DOCTOR EARL WILLIAM FLOSDORF AND NOTATIONS CONCERNING ASSIGNMENT WHICH BLACK SAYS WAS INFORMATION GIVEN HIM BY JACK AT TIME OF ASSIGNMENT. BLACK IDENTIFIES LETTER DATED FIVE, SEVEN, FORTYTWO TO FLOSDORF SIGNED DOCTOR G. L. RADINOVITCH AS LETTER GIVEN HIM BY JACK TO SHOW FLOSDORF AND RETAIN AFTER FLOSDORF READ IT. BLACK NOW ADMITS THIS LETTER PROVES VISIT TO FLOSDORF MADE SOMETIME IN NINETEEN FORTYTWO. BLACK IDENTIFIED HANDWRITTEN BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF SELF AS COPY OF ONE SUBMITTED BY HIM TO PETERSEN SOON AFTER FIRST CONTACT WITH PETERSEN. BLACK IDENTIFIES SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY MEMBERSHIP CARD NUMBER THREE EIGHT FIVE FOUR MADE OUT TO T. JONES A CHARTER MEMBER AS HIS. LIST

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OF FIVE TITLES SUCH AS SHAMPOO, GLYCERINE PRODUCTION, DISINFECTANT, ETC. DESCRIBED BY BLACK AS LIST OF TITLES OF FAKED REPORTS TO BE

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SUBMITTED TO SOVIET SUPERIOR. ADDRESS BOOK CONTAINED NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF L. J. ~~CHRISTMAN~~, SIX ZERO FIVE PAVONIA AVENUE, JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY, HARRY GOLD, TWO FIVE FOUR ZERO SOUTH PHILIP STREET, PHILA., HOTEL ADELPHIA, THIRTEENTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS, PHILA., HOTEL GEORGE WASHINGTON, TWENTYTHIRD AND LEXINGTON AVE., NEW YORK, VERA KANE, THREE SIX ONE WEST TWENTYSEVENTH STREET, NEW YORK AND ROOM ONE FIVE ONE EIGHT HOTEL CARTERET, TWENTYTHIRD STREET AND SEVENTH AVE., NEW YORK, ~~M. MARGOLIN~~, ONE SIX ZERO WAVERLY PLACE, NEW YORK. BLACK ADMITS FOUR PERSONS LISTED ARE IN SAME CATEGORY, I.E., PROBABLY SOVIET AGENTS. CANNOT EXPLAIN WHY THESE PERSONS LISTED IN ADDRESS BOOK OBVIOUSLY AT ONE TIME ALTHOUGH BLACK MET THEM AT VARIOUS TIMES. CANNOT RECALL WHY HOTEL ADELPHIA LISTED BUT SAYS POSSIBLY STAYED THERE ON FLOSDORF ASSIGNMENT. CLAIMS HE STAYED AT HOTEL GEORGE WASHINGTON WHEN HE WENT TO NEW YORK TO VISIT VERA KANE. BLACK PLANS LEAVE PHILA. ELEVEN AM SATURDAY JULY ONE FOR NEWARK AND WILL REMAIN THERE UNTIL TUESDAY NIGHT SEVEN, FOUR WHEN HE WILL RETURN PHILA. DESIRES TIME IN NEWARK TO STRAIGHTEN OUT AFFAIRS AT SPRUCE CHEMICAL. WILL BE INTERVIEWED ALL DAY WEDNESDAY, SEVEN FIVE THROUGH FRIDAY, SEVEN, SEVEN. PHILA. CONTINUING PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE AND WILL ADVISE NEWARK EXACT TIME OF DEPARTURE SATURDAY, SEVEN, ONE.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP-R. RE PHILA TEL JUNE TWENTYONE.

SUBJECT REFERRED TO IN DETEL OBTAINED FROM VAN POZNACK WAREHOUSE AND BEING FORWARDED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO PHILA THIS DATE. CONTACT CAMERA EXAMINED JUNE TWENTYONE AT SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO., PATERSON, NJ, AS F TWO SUMMIT LENS NO. MT ONE EIGHT SIX TWO SEVEN SIX NAUGHT, CAMERA NO. F FOUR FOUR NAUGHT FOUR SEVEN AND BACK CASE NO. F FOUR FOUR NAUGHT FOUR SEVEN. JACK FASS PRESENT ADM ADVISED HE HAD SEEN PERCY H. HELIE AND HELIE WAS TO SET UP SELLING COMPANY FOR PRODUCTS OF SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY BUT WAS "SCARED" DUE TO FACT THAT BLACK AND FASS TOLD HIM HE MIGHT BE QUESTIONED REGARDING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH BLACK IN GOLD CASE. FASS STATES HE AND BLACK TOLD HELIE "ALL ABOUT THE CASE." ACCORDING TO FASS, HELIE IS STILL EMPLOYED BY BERG AND DESIRES TO WORK FOR BERG WHILE SETTING UP SELLING AGENCY FOR SPRUCE CHEMICAL. FASS INDICATED DEAL FOR HELIE SERVICES NOT YET CONSUMATED. FILES OF NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY REFLECT DR. KARL T. STEIK EMPLOYED NOPCO AUGUST SEVEN, THIRTYONE TO SEPTEMBER THIRTY, THIRTYSEVEN. STEIK-S RESIGNATION REQUESTED FOR UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE OF DUTY. INVESTIGATION REFLECTS STEIK PRESENTLY OPERATES LIVON LABORATORIES, FOUR SEVEN NAUGHT GROVE STREET, MONTCLAIR, NJ, FROM HIS HOME AT THAT ADDRESS WHERE HE HAS BEEN LOCATED SINCE NINETEEN FORTYFOUR. STEIK MANUFACTURES GERMICIDES.

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SOME OF WHICH HE SELLS TO NOPCO IN SMALL QUANTITY. QUESTIONNAIRE AT NOPCO REFLECTS STEIK BORN JULY TWELVE, EIGHTEEN EIGHTYFOUR AT LEMSAL, LATVIA, AND THAT HE IS A US CITIZEN. CITIZENSHIP UNVERIFIED. IN THIRTY TWO STEIK LISTED WIFE BEATRICE, FOUR CHILDREN AND ONE DEPENDENT PARENT. STEIK DESCRIBED AS WHITE, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, FIVE FEET TEN AND ONE HALF INCHES, GRAY HAIR, BUSHY MUSTACHE, RECEDED HAIRLINE, WEARS GLASSES. PRIOR ADDRESSES FOUR TWO NAUGHT AUBREY ROAD AND TEN ELSTON ROAD, UPPER MONTCLAIR, NJ, AND TWO HUNDRED EAST SIXTH STREET, CLIFTON, NJ. NOPCO FILES LIST FOLLOWING EDUCATION---UNIVERSITY DORPAT, ESTHONIA, CHEMISTRY, SPECIAL WORK IN BACTERIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY AT CARLSBERG LABORATORIES IN COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, PHYSIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY AT UNIVERSITY OF KOENIGSBERG, GERMANY, PHYSICAL AND ORGANIC CHEMISTRY AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY, NINETEEN ELEVEN, PH.D IN ORGANIC CHEMISTRY AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, NINETEEN NINETEEN. HAS KNOWLEDGE LATIN, GERMAN, RUSSIAN, FRENCH AND READING KNOWLEDGE OF FEW OTHER LANGUAGES. BUSINESS BACKGROUND SHOWN AS CONTROL CHEMIST TENTELEVSKY CHEMICAL COMPANY, SAINT PETERSBURG, RUSSIA, CONSTRUCTION OF CONTACT METHOD, SULPHURIC ACID PLANT, NORTH WOBURN, MASS, ENGINEERING CHEMIST AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, RESEARCH CHEMIST AND RESEARCH LIBRARIAN, STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF INDIANA, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY

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OF FLORIDA, RESEARCH CHEMIST, SUN OIL COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, PA.,
RESEARCH CHEMIST, STANDARD OIL DEVELOPMENT CO., ELIZABETH, NJ. MEMBER
OF AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, GAMMA ALPHA AND SIGMA XI. PHOTOGRAPHS
AND HANDWRITING SPECIMENS OF STEIK AVAILABLE. ADDITIONAL INFO RE STEIK
POSSIBLY AVAILABLE THROUGH COWORKERS AT NOPCO BUT NO INTERVIEWS WERE
CONDUCTED AT THE TIME DUE TO THE DISCREET NATURE OF THE INQUIRY.
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ASCERTAIN IMPORTER AND BUYER OF SUBJECT-S CONTAX CAMERA THROUGH CARL
ZEISS, FOUR EIGHT FIVE FIFTH AVENUE, NYC. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT PHILA-
DELPHIA QUESTION BLACK RE SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY AND JACOB ~~FASS~~.
FROM OBSERVATION, ~~SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY~~ DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE
SUFFICIENTLY BUSY TO SUPPORT FASS AND COULD POSSIBLY BE A COVER COMPANY.

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cc. Mr. Langdon

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The Attorney General

July 20, 1950

Director, FBI

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THOMAS L. BLACK; ABRAHAM
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For your assistance in considering the possibility of instituting prosecutive action against Thomas L. Black, Abraham Brothman, Harry Gold, and others, charging them in a general conspiracy to violate the Federal Espionage Statute, I am setting forth hereinafter certain facts which I feel merit serious consideration with respect to this matter. It is noted that you have previously been furnished with memoranda setting forth in detail information concerning the above individuals.

For your information, the investigation has definitely shown that during the period from 1934 to 1945, there existed in this country a Soviet espionage network, wherein certain individuals, such as Gaik B. Ovakinian, Jacob Golos, Semen Markovich Semenov, Anatoli A. Yakovlev, and others, obtained information pertaining to national defense and industrial matters from American contacts, which information they thereafter transmitted through channels to the Soviet Union. It can be definitely shown that a portion of this information was of a classified and restricted nature and was obtained during the wartime period. The prosecution for such acts would not be barred by the Statute of Limitations. Testimony concerning the operation of this Soviet espionage network can be obtained through Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, Ferdinand P. Heller and Alfred Dean Slack. It also can be established through the testimony of or signed statements executed by Harry Gold and Thomas L. Black.

In connection with the conspiracy involving Black, Brothman and Gold, it is believed that evidence can be produced with respect to the following phases and overt acts:

- (1) The testimony of or the signed statements executed by Black and Gold would establish that Thomas L. Black, in the latter part of 1935 in New York City, introduced Gold to Paul Smith, a Soviet agent, and that thereafter both Black and Gold furnished information to Smith for transmittal to the Soviet Union.
- (2) The testimony of or the signed statement executed by Harry Gold would establish that Brothman was brought into the conspiracy in September, 1941, when Brothman, who was previously furnishing information to Jacob Golos and Elizabeth Terrill Bentley for transmission to the Soviet Union, was turned over to Gold as his future contact for such activity.

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Further, that Gold's instructions to handle Brothman's information were received by him through his contact, Semenov. Brothman, however, received instructions to meet his new contact through Bentley, who was acting under the directions of Golos. In addition to Gold's testimony along this line, Brothman, in his oral statement, as well as his testimony before the Federal Grand Jury on July 22, 1947, corroborated the information to the effect that arrangements for his meeting with Gold were made through Bentley and Golos.

(3) The testimony of or signed statements executed by Gold and Black would establish that in 1942 Black arranged for the services of one Joan Niemasek, nee Sawyrucka, to serve as a stenographer for Gold to assist in the transcribing of information furnished by Brothman to Gold. She would further be in a position to testify that thereafter she accompanied Gold on six occasions to an office where Gold and Brothman dictated to her and furnished her with longhand notes on certain material which she thereafter transcribed and turned over to Gold.

(4) Testimony could be furnished by representatives of the FBI to the effect that at the time of the arrest of Harry Gold, and subsequent thereto, under a voluntary consent to search executed by Gold, there were located at Gold's residence in Philadelphia certain longhand reports and blueprints pertaining to a magnesium powder plant, magnesium powder, the "Buna-S" process, and "aerosol," all of which Gold identified as having been obtained from Brothman for transmission to the Soviet Union.

(5) Through the testimony or signed statement of Harry Gold, it could be shown that during the latter part of 1942 or early 1943, Brothman met and had a conversation with Semenov at the Hotel Lincoln in New York City, at which time Semenov praised Brothman for his wonderful work in behalf of the Soviet Union and indicated to him the value of the "Buna-S" information which was previously furnished to the Soviets by Brothman. The testimony of Black or the signed statement executed by him would establish the fact that in early 1936, Black was turned over by his previous Soviet contact, Paul Petersen, to one "George," whom he identified as "Semenov."

(6) The testimony of or signed statement executed by Harry Gold would establish that as part of his activity in behalf of the network he obtained information concerning atomic energy from Emil Julius Klaus Fuchs and David Greenglass, which information was transmitted by him to the Soviet Union.

(7) Through the testimony of Gold or his signed statement, it could be established that on an occasion in 1946, he informed Brothman of the fact that he had obtained atomic energy information for the Soviets from Emil Julius Klaus Fuchs.

(8) By the admission of Black as appearing in his signed statement, it could be established that Black was informed by Gold to the effect that he (Gold) was the American contact of Emil Julius Klaus Fuchs, and that he had furnished information concerning the atomic bomb to the Soviet Union. According to this statement, Gold told Black of his connection with Fuchs shortly after the arrest of Fuchs in England.

(9) Through the testimony of David Greenglass, Alfred Dean Slack and Ferdinand Heller, additional evidence as to Gold's espionage activities in behalf of the Soviets could be established.

It is suggested for your consideration that in the event an indictment is returned against Black, Brothman and Gold in connection with this matter, such individuals as Greenglass, Slack and Heller, although named as co-conspirators, but not charged in the indictment, may be used as witnesses in establishing certain of the necessary facts as to the existence of and overt acts committed in pursuance of the conspiracy.

cc : Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney

July 26, 1950

Assistant Attorney General James H. Cline

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THOMAS I. BLACK; ABRAHAM
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On July 20, 1950, I forwarded a memorandum to the Attorney General in the above-entitled matter, a copy of which was directed to your attention. You will recall that this memorandum was for the purpose of assisting you in considering the possibility of instituting prosecutive action against Thomas I. Black, Abraham Brothman, Harry Gold and others charging them in a general conspiracy to violate the Federal Espionage Statute.

It will be appreciated if you will advise me as to your opinion with regard to this matter.

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There are forwarded herewith the following investigative reports concerning Thomas L. Black. Information concerning this individual has previously been furnished you by memoranda.

Report of Special Agent Frank C. Wood dated July 1, 1950, at Albany, New York.

Report of Special Agent Joseph C. Trainor dated July 7, 1950, at Baltimore, Maryland.

Report of Special Agent Brynton S. Gordon dated July 14, 1950, at Boston, Massachusetts.

Report of Special Agent Walter W. Smart, Jr., dated June 21, 1950, at Buffalo, New York.

Report of Special Agent Julian R. Walters dated July 19, 1950, at Chicago, Illinois.

Report of Special Agent Louis T. Turner dated June 12, 1950, at Newark, New Jersey.

Report of Special Agent Louis G. Turner dated July 20, 1950, at Newark, New Jersey.

Report of Special Agent Edward R. Ehalen dated June 19, 1950, at New Haven, Connecticut.

Report of Special Agent Francis M. McBride dated July 11, 1950, at New Haven, Connecticut.

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~~DEFENSE RECORDING~~

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upon him at the hospital. After the first visit, BLACK requested FREEFIELD to return and visit him on other occasions. FREEFIELD stated that at BLACK's invitation he returned almost daily to visit with BLACK while BLACK was in the hospital. FREEFIELD stated it appeared BLACK wanted someone to be with him as much as possible.

Upon the release of BLACK from the hospital, FREEFIELD stated that BLACK requested FREEFIELD to move into BLACK's apartment and live with him. FREEFIELD advised that he did so.

FREEFIELD stated that, after he had moved in with BLACK, BLACK told him that he had requested him to move in with him inasmuch as he, BLACK, was afraid and needed protection. FREEFIELD stated that BLACK then related that BLACK had been a member of the Communist Party from 1931 until about 1935. BLACK advised FREEFIELD that about 1931, while BLACK was employed at the American Cyanamid Company as a Chemist, BLACK was approached by Soviet Espionage Agents to secure information regarding industrial processes from the files of the American Cyanamid Company and turn this information over to another Soviet Agent. BLACK told FREEFIELD he was also to review scientific journals and clip pertinent articles for his Soviet superior. BLACK stated that he did this and continued to do so when he left the American Cyanamid Company and secured employment at the National Oil Products Company.

BLACK advised FREEFIELD that he continued to act as a Soviet Espionage Agent until some time in 1935 when he broke with the Communist Party over its "Stalinist" views and activities. BLACK advised FREEFIELD that, when he broke with the Communist Party, he became a member of the Socialist Workers Party. BLACK further stated to FREEFIELD that his former associates in the Soviet espionage ring continued to contact him and threaten him with bodily harm or to expose his previous activities if he did not continue to secure and transmit to them the industrial information.

BLACK told FREEFIELD that some of the persons contacting him were from the Russian Consulate in New York City and that some of the others were obviously Americans. BLACK stated that he was acquainted with some of the persons and some he had never seen before until they came to threaten him and pressure him.

FREEFIELD stated that BLACK told him the pressure and threats became particularly acute while BLACK was in the hospital, and that

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BLACK was visited there on numerous occasions by Soviet Agents. FREEFIELD stated that it was because of these threats that BLACK asked him to move in with him.

FREEFIELD stated that all of the foregoing information was purely hearsay and had been related to him by BLACK. FREEFIELD stated that, however, on one occasion he particularly remembers, shortly after he moved in with BLACK, a man hung around the courtyard of their apartment almost continually for about three days, apparently awaiting an opportunity to see BLACK alone. FREEFIELD stated that he was informed by BLACK that the man was one of the Soviet Agents and, accordingly, both BLACK and FREEFIELD remained together in the apartment all during this time.

FREEFIELD stated that BLACK discussed this situation with the officials of the Socialist Workers Party in an effort to reach a solution, and the SWP officers suggested that BLACK go to Mexico and discuss the affair with TROTSKY.

FREEFIELD stated that he and BLACK discussed the advisability of buying a gun for protection and also the action that each would take in the event an attempt was made on the life of BLACK. FREEFIELD stated that BLACK also contemplated suicide as a means of escape from his predicament.

FREEFIELD stated that BLACK deliberately refrained from telling him the names and identities of other members of the Soviet spy ring and the Soviet Agents who were threatening BLACK, inasmuch as BLACK did not want any harm to come to FREEFIELD. FREEFIELD stated that, at BLACK's suggestion, FREEFIELD finally moved out of the apartment and severed all connection with BLACK.

FREEFIELD stated that after FREEFIELD went into the Army he wrote to BLACK, and BLACK replied that FREEFIELD should not keep in contact with him because BLACK feared that FREEFIELD would become involved in the situation and bodily harm would befall FREEFIELD.

FREEFIELD stated that BLACK is not the type who has an overactive imagination or is panicky, and FREEFIELD stated that he believes that the story related above is absolutely true. FREEFIELD stated that BLACK's father was from an old highly-regarded Philadelphia

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family and that BLACK's father was a Professor at the Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania State Teachers College, and that BLACK himself had attended Penn State College.

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 IF INTERVIEWED. BOTH CAN BE TOLD THAT THEY ARE BEING INTERVIEWED AT
 THE DIRECTION OF THE SUBJECT AND IN ORDER TO VERIFY SUBJECT-S STORY.
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 HE WAS LIVING WITH CHARLES M. FREEFIELD, HE TOLD FREEFIELD THAT HE
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 ANY OF THEIR THREATS AGAINST HIS PERSON AND THAT SHOULD HE DISAPPEAR
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 ALONG THE PROPER CHANNELS. FOR THAT REASON BLACK STATES HE TOLD
 FREEFIELD THAT HE WAS A SOVIET AGENT.) BLACK ALSO STATED THAT FREE-
 FIELD KNOW THAT AT THAT TIME HE WAS CONTEMPLATING SUICIDE AS A MEANS
 OF ~~SUPPLYING~~ ESCAPE. FREEFIELD-S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS IS NOT KNOWN

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 TO BLACK. HE WAS LAST KNOWN TO BE SOMEWHERE IN MIAMI. BLACK STATES
 THAT FREEFIELD CAN BE LOCATED THROUGH HIS BROTHER, J. HARMON FORD,
 WHO IS AN ATTORNEY IN NEWARK, NJ, FORD MAY NOT BE PRACTICING
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LAW AT THE PRESENT TIME AND MAY BE OPERATING A CHAIN OF ^SUN OIL COMPANY GASOLINE STATIONS. IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT FREEFIELD MAY STILL BE A MEMBER OF THE SWP AND MAY NOT BE COOPERATIVE UPON INTERVIEW. BLACK STATES THAT FORD IS NOT IN THE RADICAL MOVEMENTS. BLACK HAS NOT SEEN FREEFIELD SINCE FREEFIELD-S DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMY SHORTLY AFTER THE WAR. REGARDING JACK FASS, WHO IS PRESENTLY BLACK-S PARTNER AT THE SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, BLACK STATED THAT HE TOLD HIM AROUND FORTY-THREE WHILE BOTH WERE STILL EMPLOYED AT NOPCO THAT HE WAS A SOVIET AGENT. BLACK-S PURPOSE IN TELLING FASS THIS WAS THAT IN CASE HE, BLACK, WERE KIDNAPED OR KILLED, JACK FASS WOULD HAVE SOME IDEA AS TO BLACK-S DISAPPEARANCE OR THE CAUSE OF HIS DEATH. BLACK TOLD FASS THAT HE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE SOVIETS AND HAD BEEN TRYING TO GET OUT OF THIS INVOLVEMENT. ON ONE OCCASION, WHEN JACK FASS WAS WORKING WITH BLACK IN HIS KITCHEN LABORATORY, BLACK-S SOVIET SUPERIOR, JACK, TELEPHONED BLACK AT HIS APARTMENT. BLACK TOLD FASS ON THAT OCCASION THAT IT WAS HIS SOVIET SUPERIOR CALLING.

THE NEWARK OFFICE SHOULD INTERVIEW FASS REGARDING THESE STATEMENTS OF BLACK AND SHOULD INTERVIEW J. HARMON FORD IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF CHARLES M- FREEFIELD AND SET FORTH LEADS TO INTERVIEW FREEFIELD WHEN HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS IS ASCERTAINED

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cc: Mr. Lamphre

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 25, 1950

FROM : SAC, Baltimore

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
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Re New York letter dated June 21, 1950, enclosing two copies of a photograph of subject obtained from the 1929 Penn State College Yearbook, with the request that they be displayed to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

This is to advise that the photographs were displayed to Mr. CHAMBERS on July 11, 1950, and he was unable to identify the subject.

It is noted that report of SA JOSEPH C. TRAINOR, Baltimore, dated 7/7/50, reflects that other photographs of BLACK were shown to Mr. CHAMBERS and he was unable to identify the subject or furnish any information concerning him. RUC.

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American Embassy
1, Grosvenor Square
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Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
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Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT ✓
 FROM : MR. J. L. McGOVERN
 SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
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DATE: June 18, 1950

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PURPOSE:

To advise you of the result of a check of the records of the Identification Division concerning Dr. George Rabinovich, aka Dr. G. L. Rabinovich.

BACKGROUND:

Philadelphia teletype dated June 18, 1950, requested that a search be made of the Bureau records for information concerning Rabinovich and ascertain if a photograph and description were available.

The Identification Division (Quinn) advised that no record could be found for Rabinovich. Records relating to Alien Registration revealed one George Rabinovitch had registered as an alien on May 12, 1941. The record contained the following information concerning him.

Age	62
Born	September 8, 1879 - Britshun, Roumania
Height	5' 3"
Weight	161 pounds
Hair	Grey
Eyes	Brown
Build	Stocky
Citizenship	Canadian
Nationality	Russian
Residence	10741 Weyburn Avenue Los Angeles, California
Person who would know whereabouts	Mrs. Ray Kleinburger 10741 Weyburn Avenue, Los Angeles
Alien Registration No.	5874697
Photo	None

ACTION:

None. He does not appear to be identical with subject of Philadelphia inquiry.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS, ESPIONAGE - R. RE NEWARK TEL TO DIRECTOR,

PHILADELPHIA AND MIAMI JULY SEVENTEEN LAST. CHARLES M. FREEFIELD

ADVISED HE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH BLACK THROUGH MUTUAL FRIENDS IN
NEWARK IN LATTER PART OF NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN OR EARLY THIRTYEIGHT.

FREEFIELD STATES HE, FREEFIELD, WAS INTERESTED IN SOCIAL REFORM AND
WAS ASSOCIATED WITH MANY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY ALTHOUGH

HE IS NOT NOW AND NEVER HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE SWP. FREEFIELD WAS

NOT INTIMATELY ACQUAINTED WITH BLACK PRIOR TO MARCH OF NINETEEN THIRTY-
EIGHT WHEN BLACK WAS INJURED IN AN EXPLOSION AT NATIONAL OIL

PRODUCTS COMPANY. WHILE BLACK WAS HOSPITALIZED, FREEFIELD CALLED ON

HIM AT HOSPITAL AND AT BLACK-S REQUEST RETURNED ALMOST DAILY TO VISIT

BLACK. BLACK APPARENTLY WANTED SOMEONE WITH HIM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

UPON RELEASE OF BLACK FROM HOSPITAL, BLACK REQUESTED FREEFIELD TO MOVE

INTO HIS APARTMENT WITH HIM AND LIVE WITH HIM. FREEFIELD DID SO.

BLACK THEN TOLD FREEFIELD HE WAS AFRAID AND NEEDED PROTECTION. BLACK

THEN RELATED THAT HE WAS A CP MEMBER ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYONE WHILE

EMPLOYED AT THE AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY AS A CHEMIST AND WAS APP-

ROACHED BY SOVIET ESPIONAGE AGENTS TO SECURE INFORMATION REGARDING

INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES FROM THE FILES OF AMERICAN CYANAMID CO. AND

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TURN THIS OVER TO ANOTHER SOVIET AGENT. BLACK WAS ALSO TO REVIEW SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS AND CLIP PERTINENT ARTICLES FOR HIS SOVIET SUPERIOR. BLACK DID THIS AND CONTINUED TO DO SO WHEN HE CHANGED EMPLOYMENT TO THE NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS CO. BLACK CONTINUED TO ACT AS A SOVIET AGENT UNTIL SOMETIME IN NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE WHEN HE BROKE WITH THE CP OVER ITS QUOTE STALINIST UNQUOTE VIEWS AND ACTIVITIES. BLACK THEN BECAME A MEMBER OF SWP. BLACK-S FORMER ASSOCIATES IN THE SOVIET ESPIONAGE RING CONTINUED TO CONTACT HIM AND THREATEN HIM WITH BODILY HARM OR TO EXPOSE HIS ACTIVITIES IF HE DID NOT CONTINUE TO SECURE AND TRANSMIT TO THEM THE INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION. BLACK TOLD FREEFIELD THAT SOME OF THE PERSONS CONTACTING HIM WERE FROM THE RUSSIAN CONSULATE IN NEW YORK CITY AND SOME OTHERS WERE OBVIOUSLY AMERICANS. BLACK WAS ACQUAINTED WITH SOME OF THE PERSONS AND SOME HE HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE UNTIL THEY CAME TO THREATEN HIM. THE PRESSURE AND THREATS BECAME PARTICULARLY ACUTE WHILE BLACK WAS IN THE HOSPITAL, HE BEING VISITED THERE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS BY SOVIET AGENTS. BEACUSE OF THESE THREATS, BLACK ASKED FREEFIELD TO MOVE IN WITH HIM. FREEFIELD STATED THAT ON ONE OCCASION HE PARTICULARLY REMEMBERS SHORTLY AFTER HE MOVED IN WITH BLACK A MAN HUNG AROUND THE COURT YARD OF THEIR APARTMENT ALMOST CONTINUALLY FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS, APPARENTLY AWAITING AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE BLACK ALONE. HOWEVER, BOTH BLACK AND FREEFIELD

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REMAINED TOGETHER IN THE APARTMENT DURING ALL THIS TIME. BLACK DISCUSSED THIS SITUATION WITH THE OFFICIALS OF THE SWP IN AN EFFORT TO REACH A SOLUTION AND THE SWP OFFICERS SUGGESTED THAT BLACK GO TO MEXICO AND DISCUSS THE AFFAIR WITH TROTSKY. BLACK AND FREEFIELD ALSO DISCUSSED BUYING A GUN FOR PROTECTION AND THE ACTION THAT EACH WOULD TAKE IN THE EVENT AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE ON THE LIFE OF BLACK. BLACK ALSO CONTEMPLATED SUICIDE AS A MEANS OF ESCAPE FROM HIS PREDICAMENT. FREEFIELD STATED BLACK DELIBERATELY REFRAINED FROM TELLING HIM THE NAMES AND IDENTITITS OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET SPY RING AND THE SOVIET AGENTS WHO WERE THREATENING BLACK BECAUSE BLACK DID NOT WANT HARM TO COME TO FREEFIELD. IT WAS ALSO BLACK-S SUGGESTION THAT FREEFIELD FINALLY MOVED OUT OF THE APARTMENT AND AFTER FREEFIELD WENT INTO THE ARMY HE WROTE BLACK BUT BLACK REPLIED THAT FREEFIELD SHOULD NOT KEEP IN CONTACT WITH HIM BECAUSE FREEFIELD MIGHT BECOME INVOLVED IN THE SITUATION AND BODILY HARM WOULD BEFALL FREEFIELD. FREEFIELD STATES BLACK IS NOT THE TYPE WHO HAS AN OVER-ACTIVE IMAGINATION OR IS PANICKY AND FREEFIELD BELIEVES THAT THE STORY RELATED ABOVE IS ABSOLUTELY TRUE. FREEFIELD STATES BLACK-S FATHER WAS FROM AN OLD, HIGHLY REGARDED PHILADELPHIA FAMILY AND THAT THE FATHER WAS A TEACHER AT THE BLOOMSBURG, PA. STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE AND THAT BLACK HIMSELF HAD ATTENDED PENN STATE COLLEGE. RUC.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESPIONAGE DASH R. RE PHILA TEL JULY FIFTEEN LAST. THROUGH J. HARMON FORD, SEVENTY THREE GIRARD PLACE, NEWARK, N.J., IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT HIS BROTHER, CHARLES M. FREEFIELD, IS PRESENTLY MARRIED AND RESIDES AT ONE NINE ONE ONE CORAL GATE DRIVE IN EITHER MIAMI OR COPAL GABLES, FLORIDA. FORD STATED THIS ADDRESS IS IN A NEW DEVELOPMENT IN OUTSKIRTS OF MIAMI AND MAYBE IN CORAL GABLES. HE ADVISED FREEFIELD IS EMPLOYED AS A POLICE COURT CLERK. FOR INFO OF MIAMI OFFICE RE TEL SET FORTH THAT DURING COURSE OF INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT ON JULY FOURTEEN LAST, AT PHILA. OFFICE, HE SUGGESTED CHARLES M. FREEFIELD BE INTERVIEWED IN ORDER TO VERIFY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF HIS STORY. BLACK CLAIMS HE TOLD FREEFIELD HE WAS A SOVIET AGENT AND THAT FREEFIELD COULD VERIFY THIS IF INTERVIEWED. FREEFIELD CAN BE TOLD HE IS BEING INTERVIEWED AT DIRECTION OF SUBJECT IN ORDER TO VERIFY SUBJECT-S STORY. BLACK WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR FOUR MONTHS IN NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT FOR SEVERE BURNS INCURRED IN EXPLOSION AT NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS CO., HARRISON, N.J., WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED AS CHEMIST FROM NINETEEN THIRTY THREE TO FORTY FOUR. SHORTLY AFTER BLACK-S RELEASE FROM HOSPITAL WHEN HE WAS LIVING WITH FREEFIELD AT CHELLIS AUSTIN

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CHARLES M. FREEFIELD RE THESE STATEMENTS OF BLACK AND ANY OTHER INFO
HE MAY POSSESS CONCERNING THE SUBJECT. PHILADELPHIA IS ORIGIN. SUTEL
ACOVE OFFICES.

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cc: Mr. Belmont
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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP R. BLACK FURNISHED SOVIET SUPERIOR WITH
PENICILLIN AND SORBOSE CULTURE PURCHASED PRIOR TO JUNE, FORTYFOUR,
FROM THE AMERICAN TYPE CULTURE COLLECTION, WASH., DC. WFO REQUESTED
TO VERIFY PURCHASE BY BLACK WHO WAS THEN EMPLOYED BY NOPCO OF
HARRISON, N. J.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, HAS, ESP R, RE PHILA TEL, JULY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

KATHERINE ALVORD CHECKED RECORDS OF AMERICAN TYPE CULTURE COLLECTION,

TWO NAUGHT TWO HIE M STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC. NO RECORD LOCATED

RE BLACK EVER PURCHASING ANY CULTURE FROM THEM. SHE ADVISED THAT ONLY

SOLD TWO ESTABLISHED RESEARCH LABORATORIES. HOPCO HAS MADE NUMEROUS

PURCHASES BUT NONE FOR PENICILLIN. HOPCO ORDERS DATED NOVEMBER FOUR

FORTYTHREE AND APRIL FIVE, FORTYFOUR, INCLUDED SORBOSE CULTURE.

HOPCO ORDER DATED JUNE THIRTY, FORTYFOUR, INCLUDED AN ASSAY OF PENICILLIN

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP-R. RE PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE JULY TWENTY FOUR
LAST. DR. M. BLUME BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH DR. MARIA BLUME, SIXTY SIX
WEST EIGHTY EIGHTH STREET, NYC. DR. BLUME RESIDED AT ONE FIVE SEVEN
WEST SEVENTY THIRD STREET PRIOR TO NINETEEN FORTY ONE. MEDICAL DIRECT-
ORY REFLECTS MARIA BLUME BORN EIGHTEEN NINETY EIGHT, GERMANY, AND WAS
LICENSED TO PRACTISE IN NY STATE IN NINETEEN THIRTY SIX. M. REYER,
FIVE EIGHT THREE PINE STREET, BROOKLYN, NY, BELIEVED TO BE NORMAN W.
REYER, PRESENTLY RESIDING AT THAT ADDRESS. REYER IS POST OFFICE
EMPLOYEE, MARRIED, TWO CHILDREN, AGES TEN AND SIX. REYER HAS TWO
BROTHERS THAT ARE DENTISTS. NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT THREE WEST
ONE NINETY SECOND STREET FAILED TO REFLECT THAT M. LIPMAN EVER RESIDED
THERE. HARRY WACHS, OWNER OF THE ABOVE PREMISES FOR FOURTEEN YEARS
ADVISED THAT NO TENANT BY THAT NAME EVER LIVED AT THAT ADDRESS.

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WASHINGTON 2 PHILADELPHIA 2 FROM NEWARK 17 6 39 AM

DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC PHILADELPHIA URGENT

THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS, ESPIONAGE-R. SUBJECT CALLED NEWARK OFFICE BY

TELEPHONE FROM PENN. RR. STATION, NEWARK, 1-45 AM THIS DATE.

REQUESTED INFORMATION REGARDING PROGRESS OF SEARCH HIS MATERIAL

AT VAN POZNICK WAREHOUSE, NEWARK. INFO NOT FURNISHED. HE STATED

REASON FOR REQUEST WAS HE DESIRED CONTENTS, SPECIFICALLY HIS CP,

SP, AND SWP MEMBERSHIP BOOKS, OF GREEN, LETTER SIZE, STRONGBOX

BROUGHT TO PHILA. FOR HIS USE IN ESTABLISHING DATES AND REFRESHING

MEMORY IN FUTURE INTERVIEW. STATED HE DESIRED TO BE INTERVIEWED

FURTHER AND WISHED TO MAKE CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO PREVIOUS

STATEMENTS, ALSO TO MAKE STATEMENTS REGARDING THINGS NOT PREVIOUSLY

MENTIONED THAT HAD COME TO MIND SINCE LAST INTERVIEW. HE ALSO

REQUESTED, REPEATING SEVERAL TIMES, THAT HE NOT BE PICKED UP FOR

INTERVIEW MONDAY MORNING UPON HIS RETURN TO PHILA., STATING THAT HE

WISHED TO COME TO OFFICE AT HIS CONVIENCE DURING EARLY PART OF WEEK

IN THAT HE HAD OBLIGATIONS TO HIS JOB AND THAT HE WANTED TO BE RESTED

SO THAT HE COULD THINK CLEARLY IN INTEREST OF TRUTH AND BE ABLE

TO ORGANIZE THOUGHTS. SEEMED VERY NERVOUS DURING CONVERSATION, TALKING

RAPIDLY, AND CLOSED CONVERSATION ABRUPTLY WHEN OPERATOR ASKED FOR

ADDITIONAL COIN. PHILA. ADVISED OF INSTANT CALL BY TELEPHONE.

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cc Mr. Ladd